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SID-AMD MARCHE 2025



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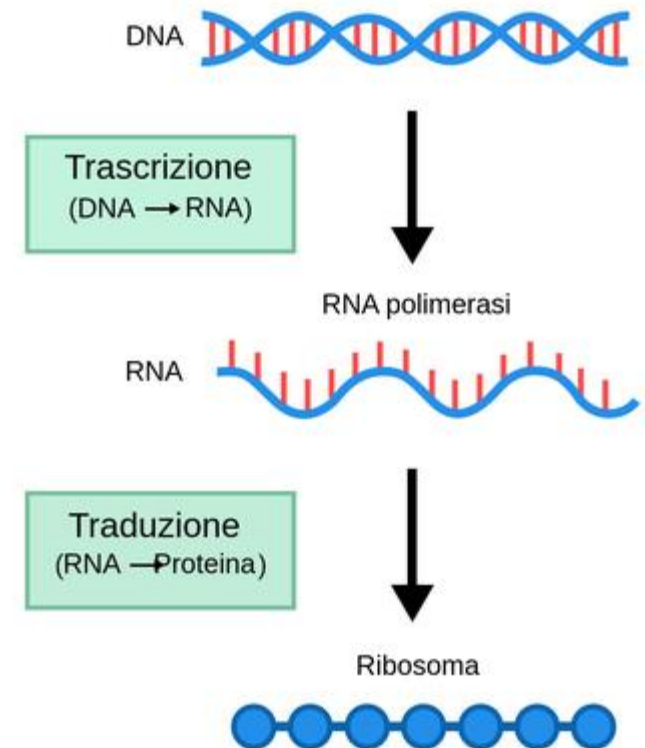
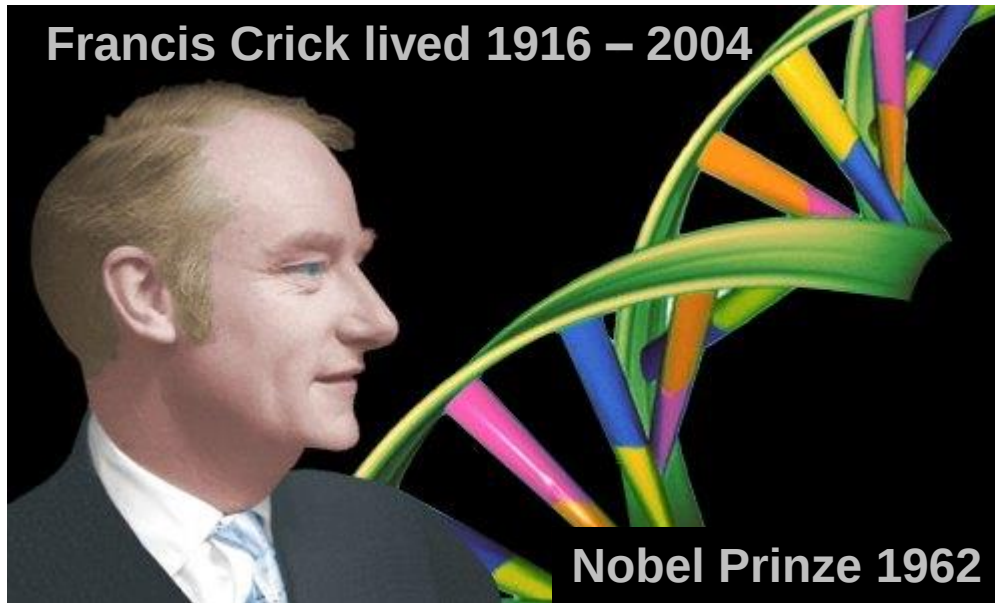
**16.00** Genetica, epigenetica e disturbi  
del metabolismo  
**Franco Gregorio**

# DOGMA CENTRALE DELLA GENETICA:

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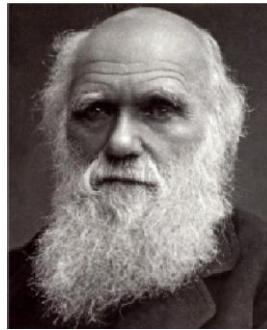
**UN GENE  $\longrightarrow$  UNA PROTEINA**

(postulato da Crick nel 1958)



**I geni vengono trasmessi immutati alla progenie.  
Sono sostanzialmente stabili  
ma occasionalmente possono andare incontro a mutazioni.**

# EVOLUZIONE



*"The evolution of higher animals directly follows ...  
from the war of nature,  
from famine and death.."*

*C. Darwin "The Origin of Species", 1859*



*"Nothing in biology makes sense  
except in the light of evolution."*

*Theodosius Dobzhansky, 1973*

**L'evoluzione seleziona quelle mutazioni spontanee  
delle sequenze nucleotidiche del DNA  
che rendono gli individui mutati meglio adattati all'ambiente.  
Questi hanno maggiori possibilità di sopravvivere  
e di trasmettere così i propri (vantaggiosi) tratti genetici alla progenie.  
E' un processo che impiega centinaia/migliaia di anni per verificarsi.  
Una volta selezionata  
la mutazione rimane cristallizzata nel genoma della discendenza.**

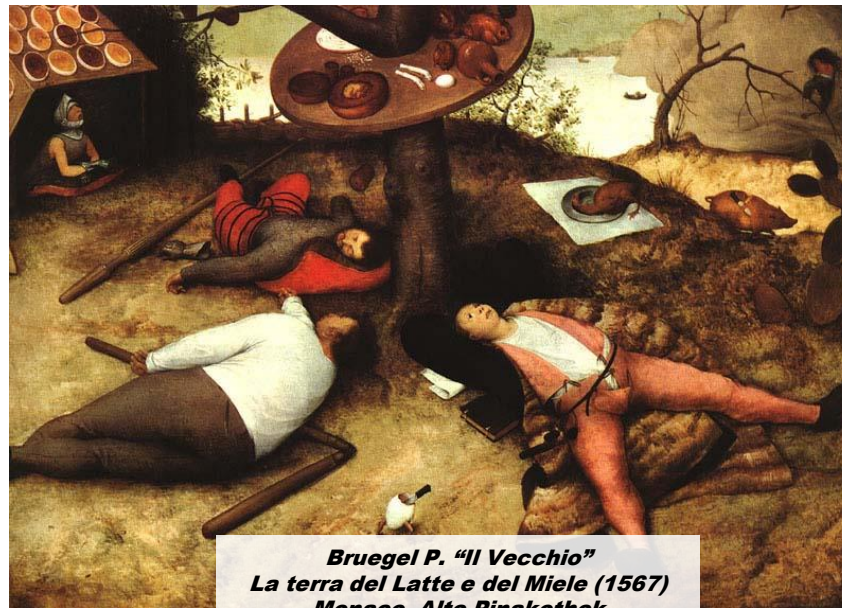
# Obesity and Diabetes in “the Land of Milk and Honey”

Kerin O’Dea

*Diab. Metab. Rev.* 8: 373-388; 1992

Adattamento genetico  
alla carenza alimentare

... Food shortages were so common in human prehistory and history that they could be considered an inevitable fact of life....and that selection could not provide for the eventuality of continuous surplus because it has simply never existed...



**Bruegel P. “Il Vecchio”**  
**La terra del Latte e del Miele (1567)**  
**Monaco, Alte Pinakothek**

Palaeolithic diet represent the nutrition for which human beings are in essence genetically programmed....



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**Parole chiave:** Medicina evoluzionistica, Cacciatori-raccoglitori, Paleo-diet, Genotipo parsimonioso, Insulino-resistenza

**Key words:** Evolutionary medicine, Hunter-gatherers, Paleo-diet, Thrifty genotype, Insulin-resistance

Il Giornale di AMD, 2013;16:411-419



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**Parole chiave:** Corsa aerobica, Caccia, Evoluzione homo  
**Key words:** Endurance running, Unting, Hominid evolution

Il Giornale di AMD, 2014;17:24-32

## Stile di vita ancestrale e collisione evolutiva

### Parte 3 – L'acido urico: un'amicitia finita male

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## Paleodieta mediterranea e rivoluzione agricola

### Mediterranean paleodiet and agricultural revolution



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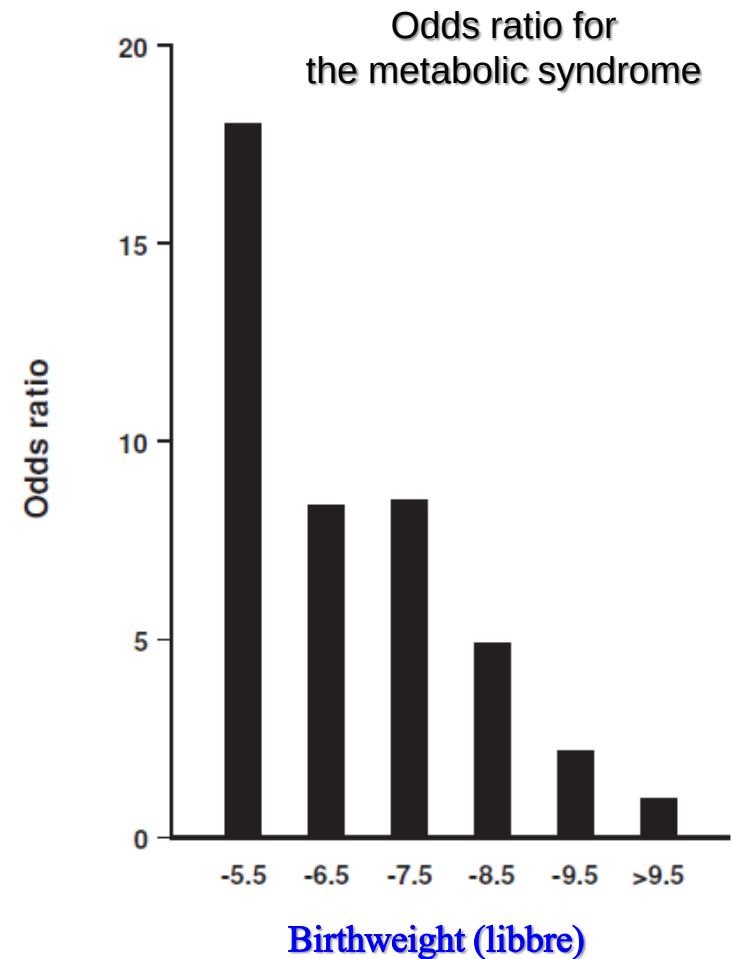
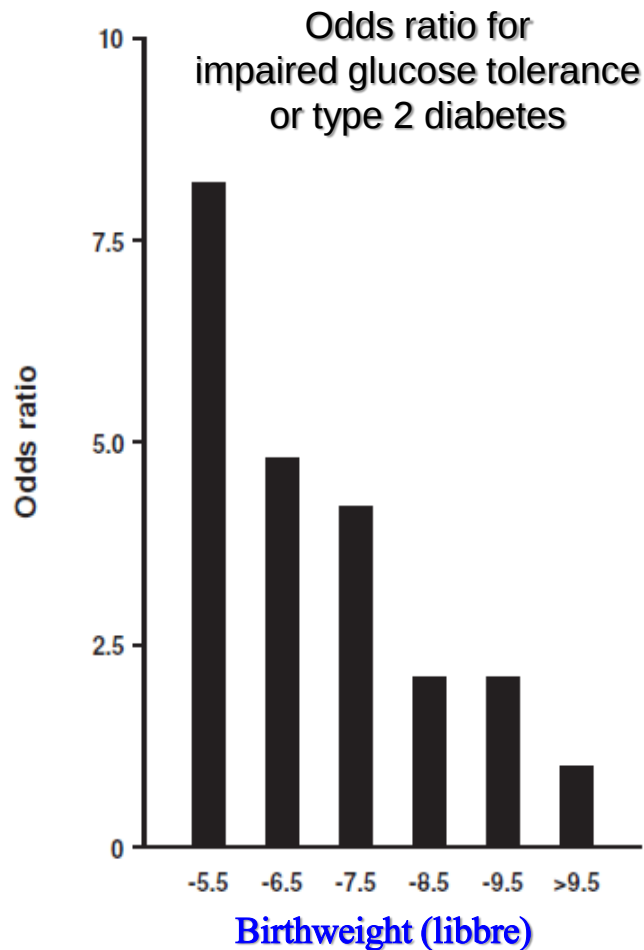
**Può accadere  
che una mutazione genetica inizialmente vantaggiosa  
al modificarsi delle condizioni ambientali che l'hanno favorita  
finisca con il diventare dannosa:  
ma ormai è cristallizzata nel genoma e sostanzialmente irreversibile.**

**Il fenomeno è definito  
Evolutionary Mismatch o Collisione Evolutiva**

# Barker hypothesis: poor nutrition in fetal and early life increases increase susceptibility to the development of Type 2 diabetes

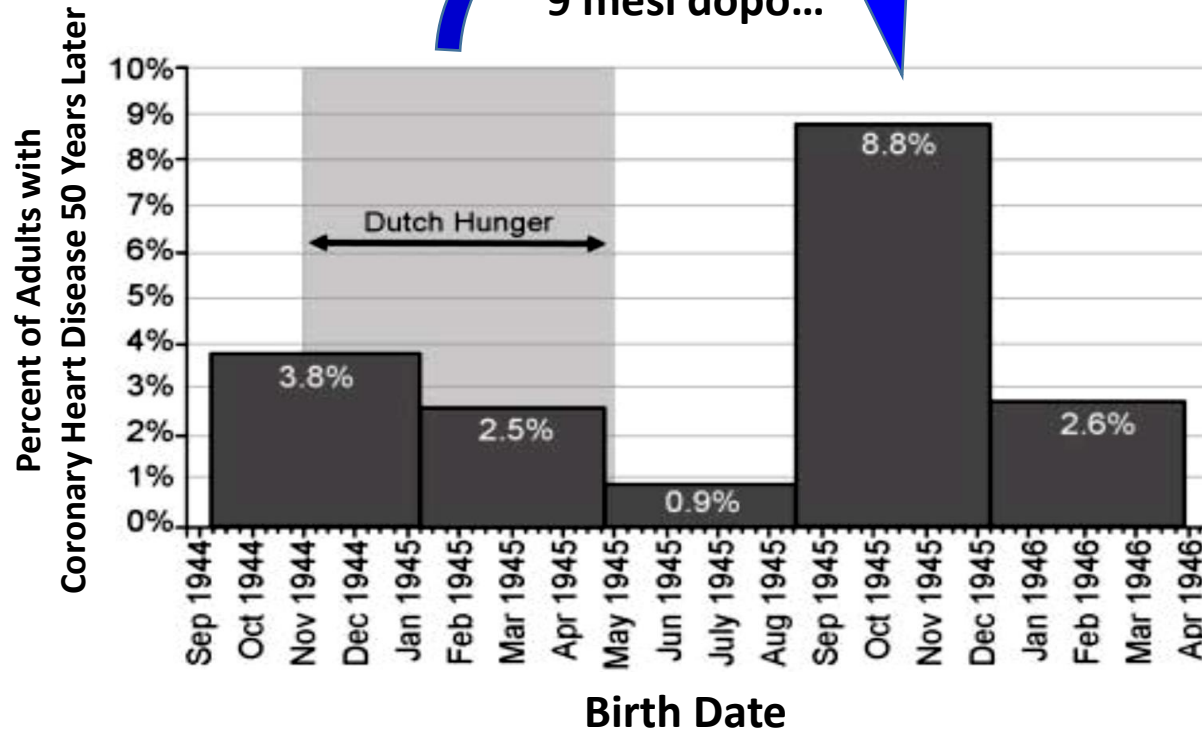
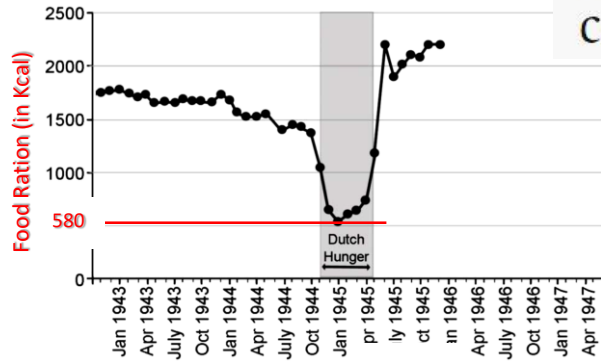
British Medical Bulletin 2001; 60: 5-20

Le conseguenze  
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# The Dutch famine and its long-term consequences for adult health > Early Hum Dev. 2006



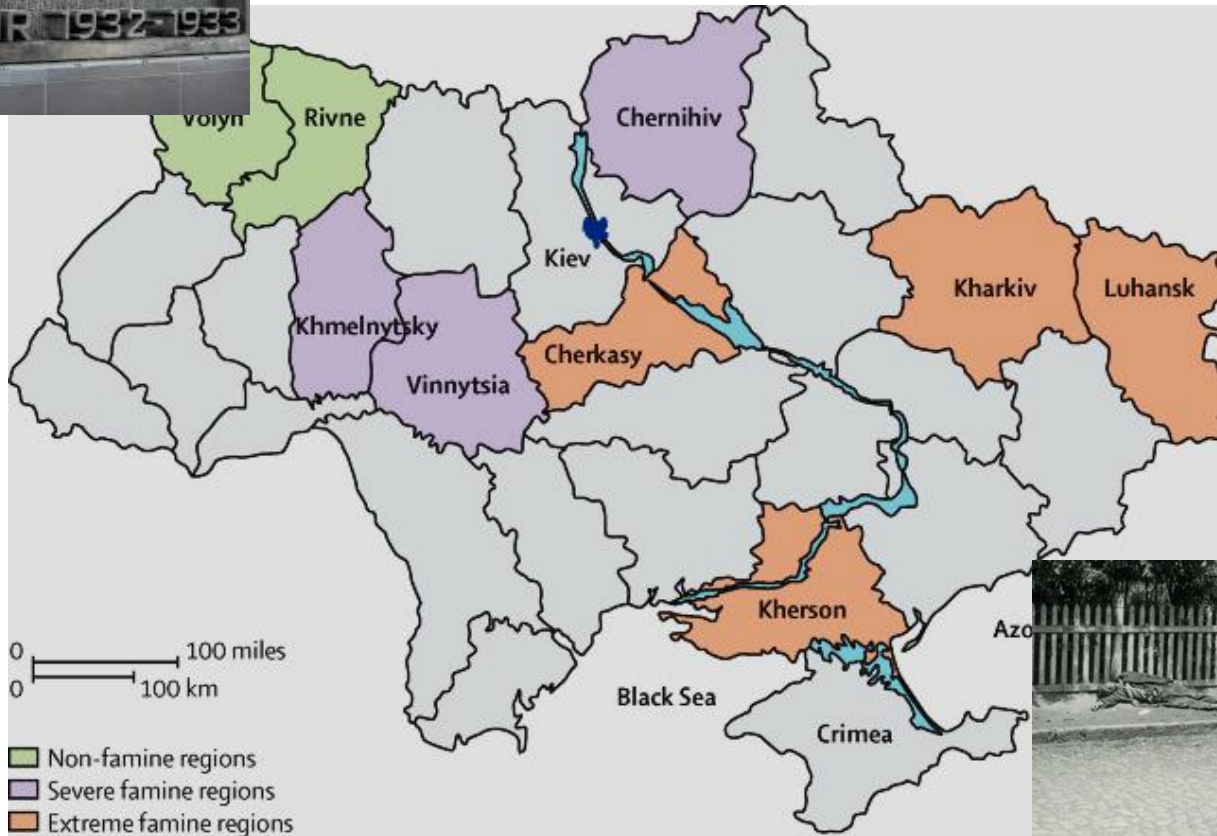
Non solo.....

Prenatal exposure to the Dutch famine is associated with a preference for fatty foods and a more atherogenic lipid profile

Am J Clin Nutr 2008;

Association between type 2 diabetes and prenatal exposure to the Ukraine famine of 1932–33: a retrospective cohort study *The Lancet Diabetes & Endocrinology* October 2015.

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Compared with births in other time periods, the OR for developing type 2 diabetes was:

- 1.47 in individuals born in the first half of 1934 in regions with extreme famine,
- 1.26 in individuals born in regions with severe famine,
- and there was no increase (OR 1.00) in individuals born in regions with no famine.

# Early-Life Nutritional Programming of Type 2 Diabetes: Experimental and Quasi-Experimental Evidence

Nutrients 2017

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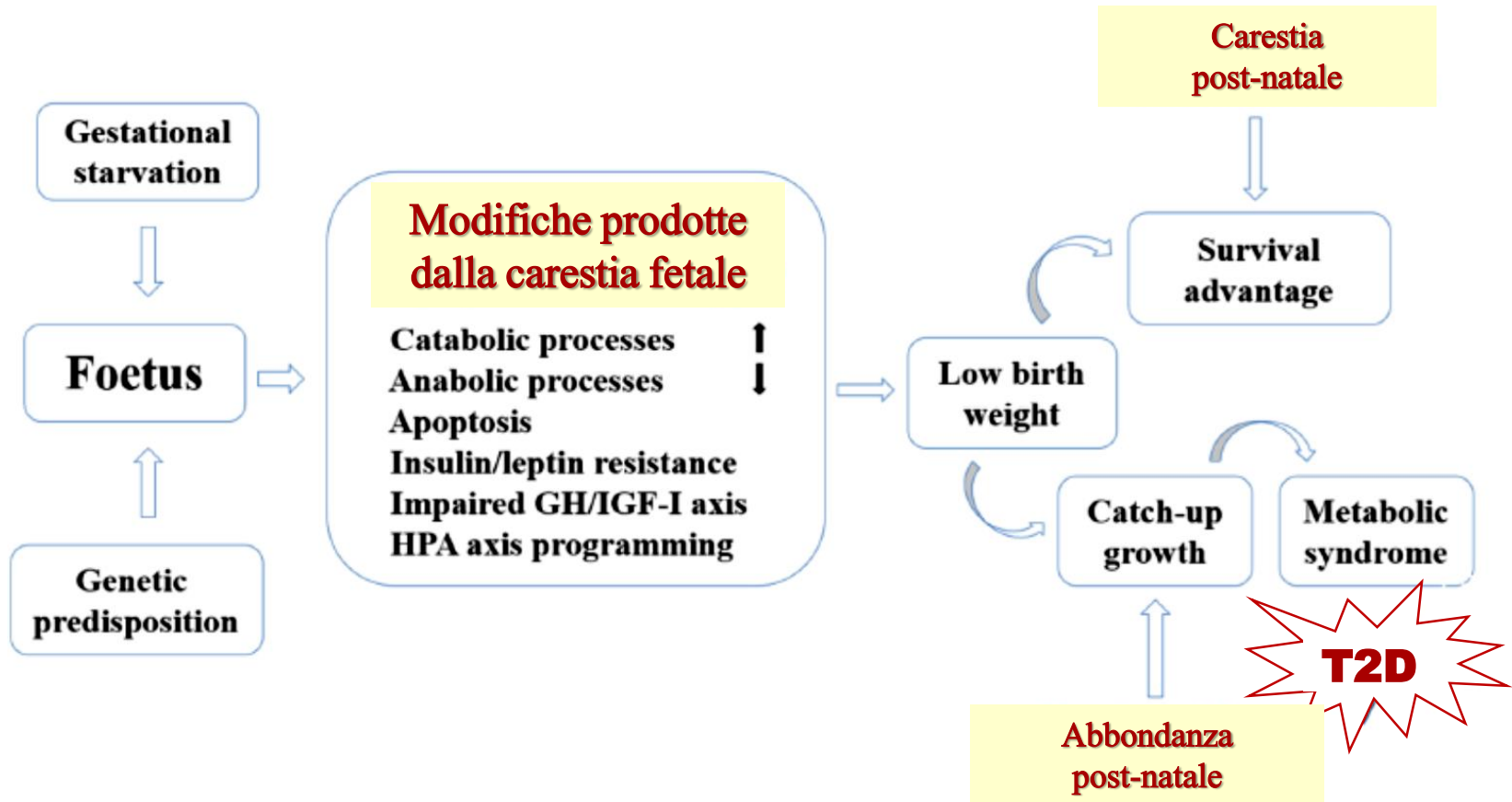
| Country                                | Cause of Starvation                                       | Period                         | Adult consequence                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Netherlands<br>(‘Dutch Hunger Winter’) | Nazi food embargo                                         | 1944–1945                      | Impaired glucose regulation<br>Atherogenic lipid profiles<br>Obesity, CVD<br>T2D<br>Lower <i>IGF2</i> methylation<br>Changed methylation of <i>ABCA1</i> , <i>GNASAS</i> ,<br><i>IL10</i> , <i>LEP</i> , <i>INSIGF</i> and <i>MEG3</i> genes |
| Austria                                | Empire’s collapse<br>Nazi food embargo<br>Post-war period | 1918–1919<br>1938<br>1946–1947 | High risk of T2D                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Ukraine<br>(‘Holodomor’)               | Agriculture collectivization                              | 1932–1933                      | High risk of T2D                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Russia                                 | Leningrad Siege                                           | 1941–1944                      | Endothelial dysfunction, stronger influence of obesity on blood pressure<br>Increasing incidence of T2D<br>Atherosclerosis, arterial hypertension                                                                                            |
| China<br>(‘Great Leap Forward Famine’) | Disastrous social agricultural reform                     | 1959–1961                      | Hyperglycemia<br>High risk of T2D                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Nigeria<br>(‘Biafran Famine’)          | Civil war                                                 | 1967–1970                      | Increased blood pressure, higher levels of p-glucose, increased waist circumference, overweight, high risks of impaired glucose regulation and systolic hypertension                                                                         |
| Europe<br>(‘Holocaust’)                | Nazi genocide                                             | 1939–1945                      | Enhanced BMI, hypertension, dyslipidemia, high risk of T2D and CVD                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Spain                                  | Seasonal malnutrition                                     | 1935–1954                      | High systolic blood pressure                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| United Kingdom                         | Seasonal malnutrition                                     | 1920–1930                      | Obesity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Canada                                 | Seasonal malnutrition                                     | 1943–1995                      | Obesity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| United Kingdom                         | Seasonal malnutrition                                     | 1924–1943                      | Dyslipidaemia, insulin resistance and CVD                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| USA                                    | Seasonal malnutrition                                     | 1968–1995                      | High risk of T2D                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

Review

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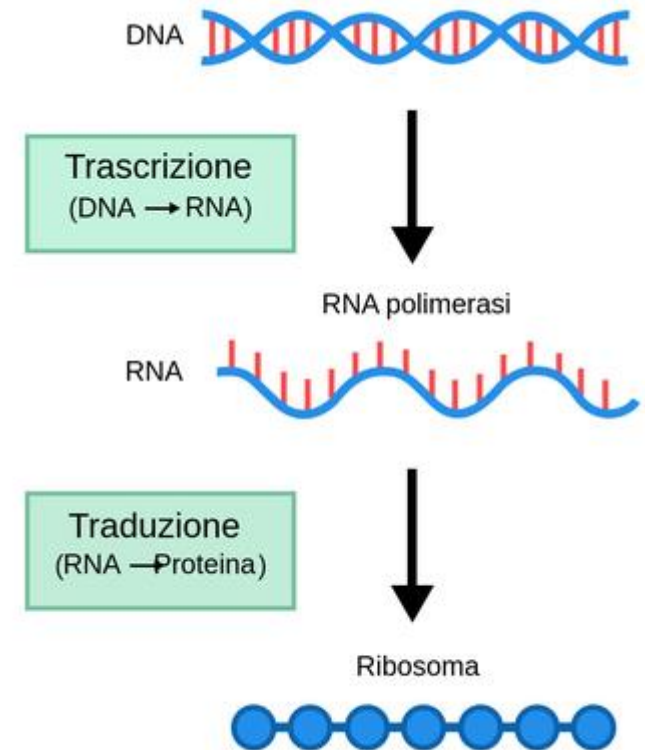
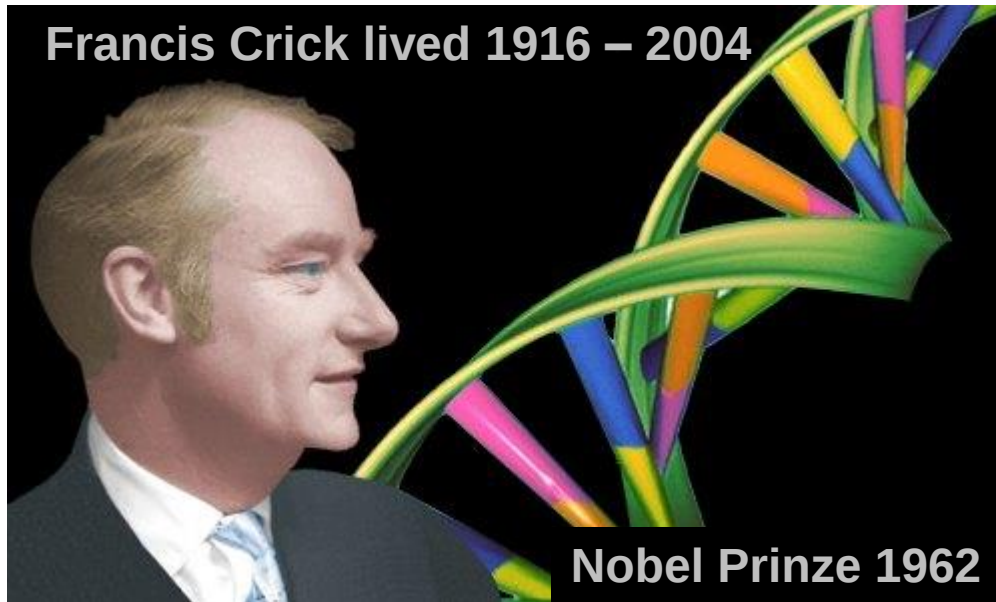
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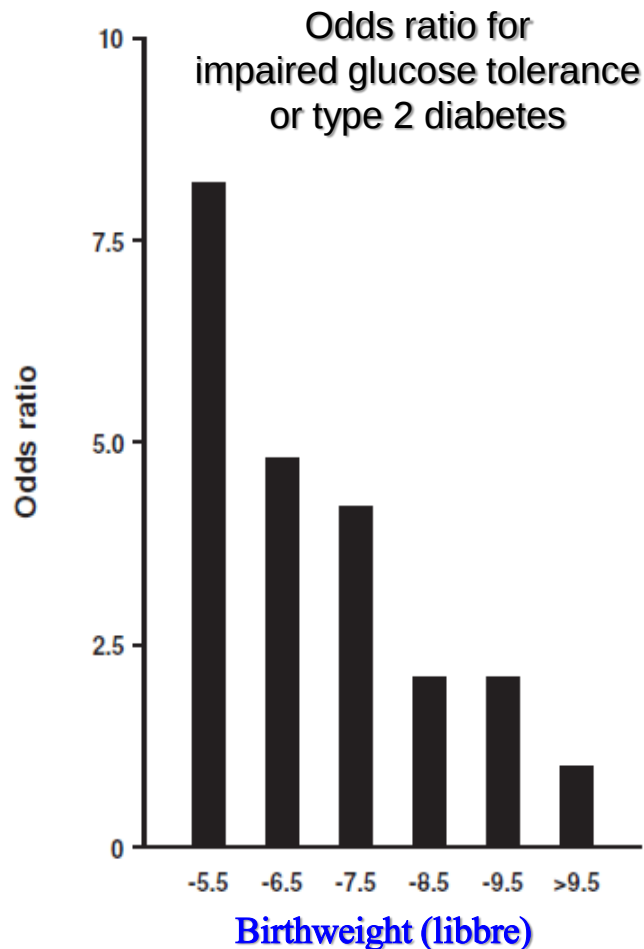
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(1° problema):**

**come può cambiare l'espressione genica  
nelle generazioni esposte a carestia fetale  
senza modifiche del DNA?**



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greatly increase susceptibility  
to the development of Type 2 diabetes*

*David J. P. Barker*

**Però il dogma centrale della genetica non spiega  
(2° problema):**

**se il genoma dei gemelli monozigoti è identico  
come può essere così bassa  
la concordanza per malattie a base genetica?**

**Concordance rates in monozygotic twins:**

- 25% for multiple sclerosis,
- 40-50% for Type 1 diabetes
- 40-60% for BMI
- 50% for cancer in BRCA1 e BRCA2 mutations
- 50% for schizophrenia
- 60% for autism



**Però il dogma centrale della genetica non spiega  
(3° problema):**

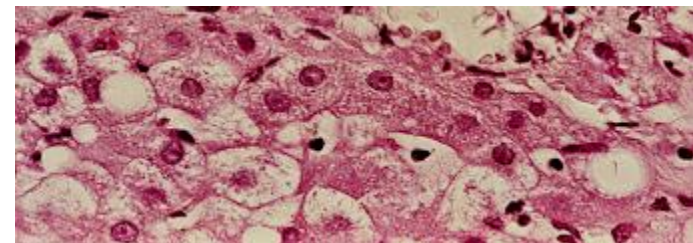
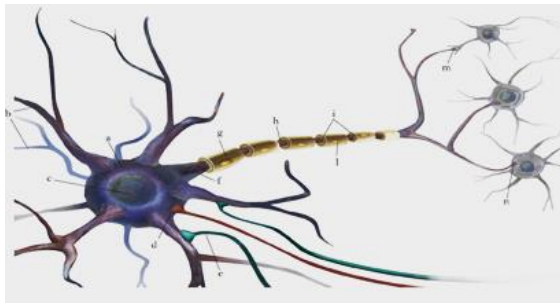
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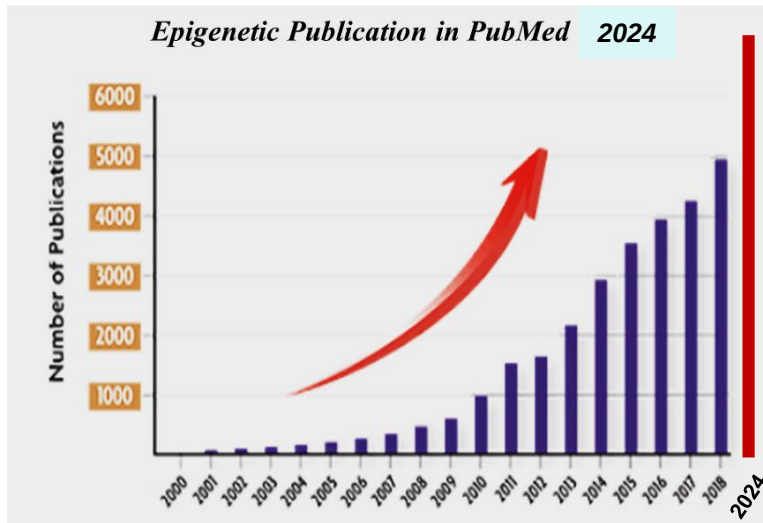
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# Ma cos'è questa "EPIGENETICA" ??



*the branch of biology which studies the causal interactions between genes and their products, which bring the phenotype into being*

*Conrad Hal Waddington, 1942*

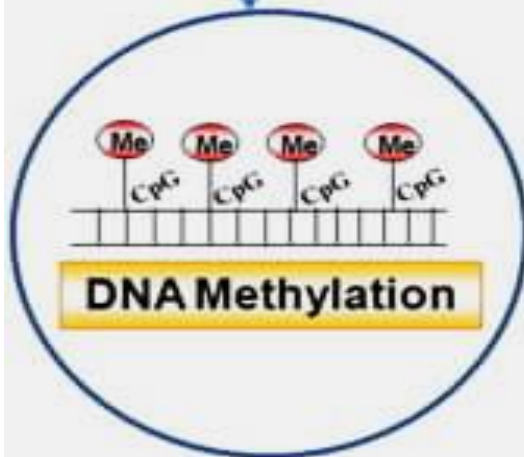
**L'EPIGENETICA comprende tutti i cambiamenti dell'espressione genica del DNA non dipendenti da modifiche della sua sequenza nucleotidica ma indotte dall'ambiente (interno e/o esterno all'organismo).**

**Si tratta cioè di cambiamenti chimici a carico del DNA (e degli Istoni) ereditabili (da una cellula alla altra e da una generazione all'altra) che modificano l'espressione genica (e quindi il fenotipo) ma non modificano la sequenza nucleotidica del DNA.**

# Meccanismi dell'Epigenetica

## Metilazione del DNA

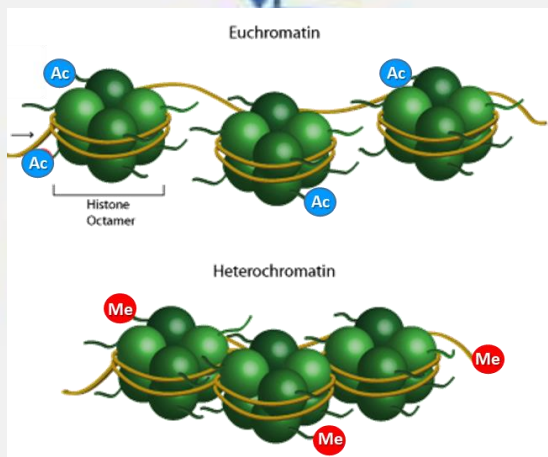
DNMTs



## Modificazioni degli Istoni

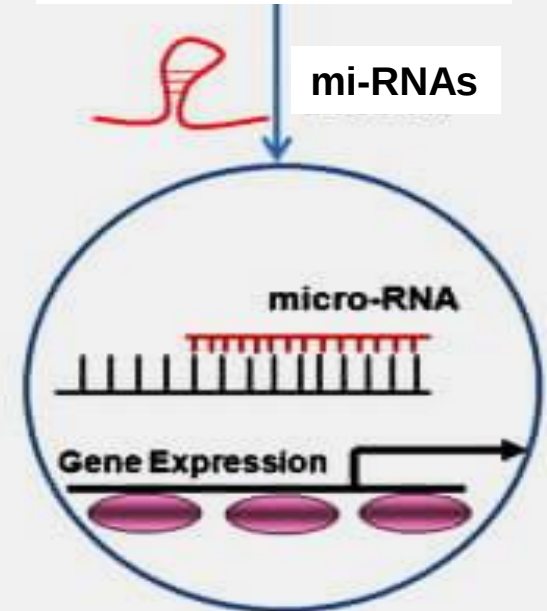
HATs  
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## RNA non codificante

mi-RNAs



Histone Acetylation/Metilation

## Riprendiamo il 3° interrogativo:

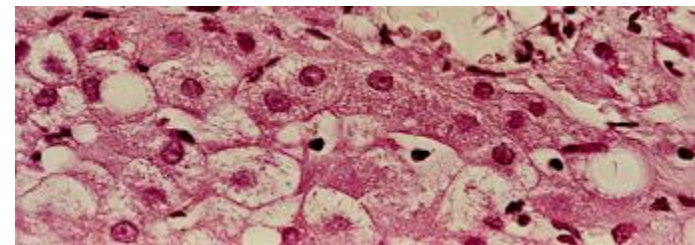
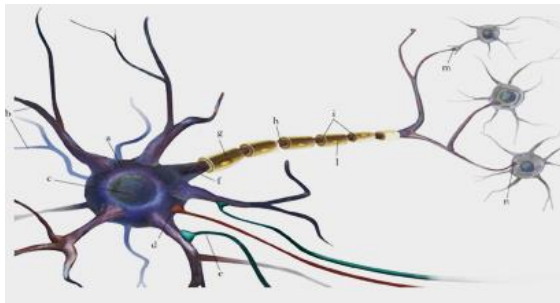
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# DNA methylation



Pluripotent cell



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Unipotent cell



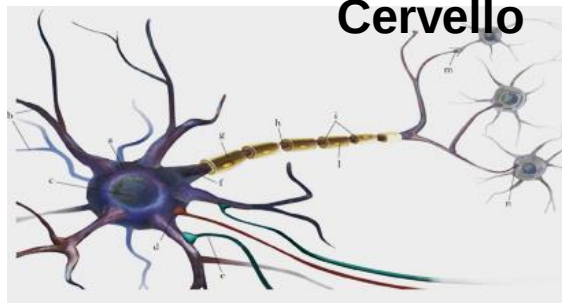
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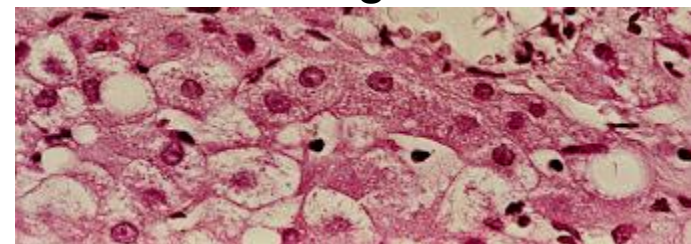
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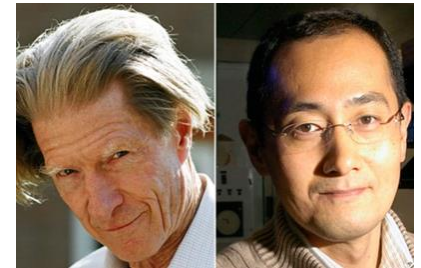
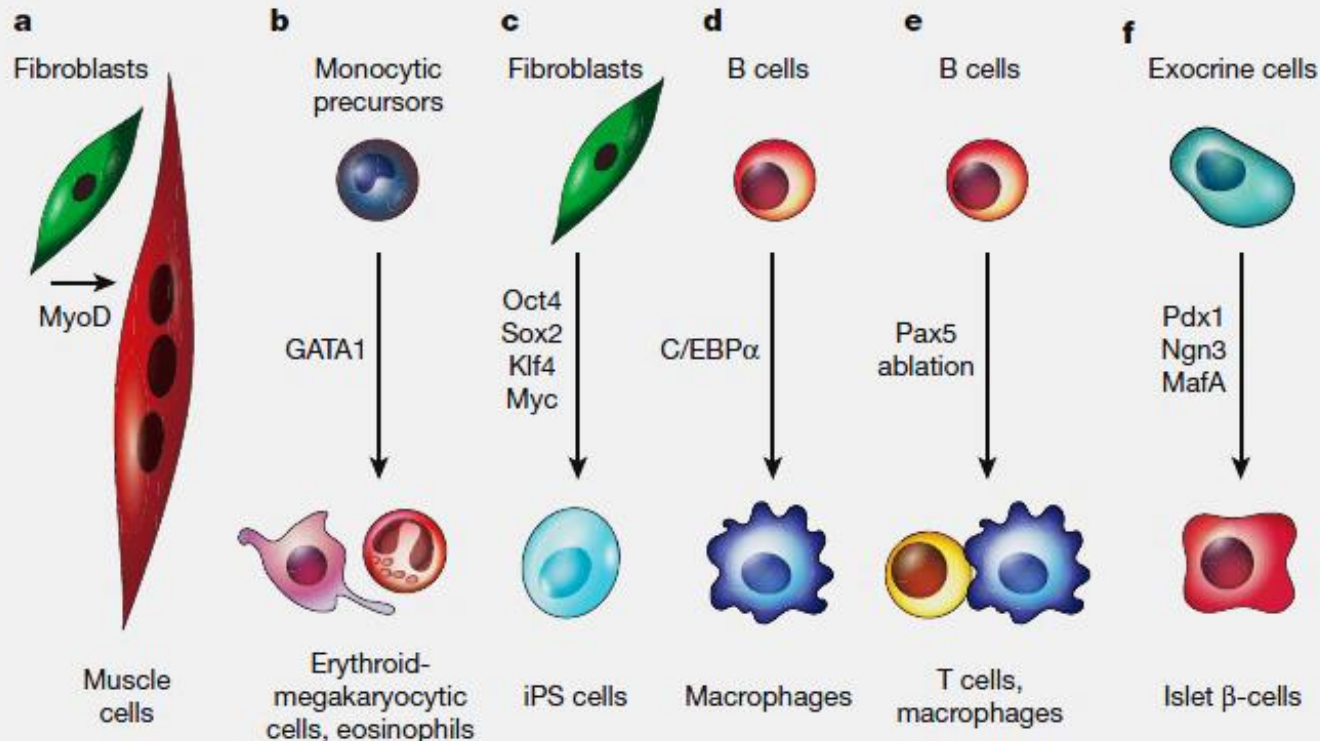


# Forcing cells to change lineages

Thomas Graf<sup>1</sup> & Tariq Enver<sup>2</sup>

NATURE | Vol 462 | 3 December 2009

The ability to produce stem cells by induced pluripotency (iPS reprogramming) has rekindled an interest in earlier studies showing that transcription factors can directly convert specialized cells from one lineage to another. Lineage reprogramming has become a powerful tool to study cell fate choice during differentiation, akin to inducing mutations for the discovery of gene functions. The lessons learnt provide a rubric for how cells may be manipulated for therapeutic purposes.

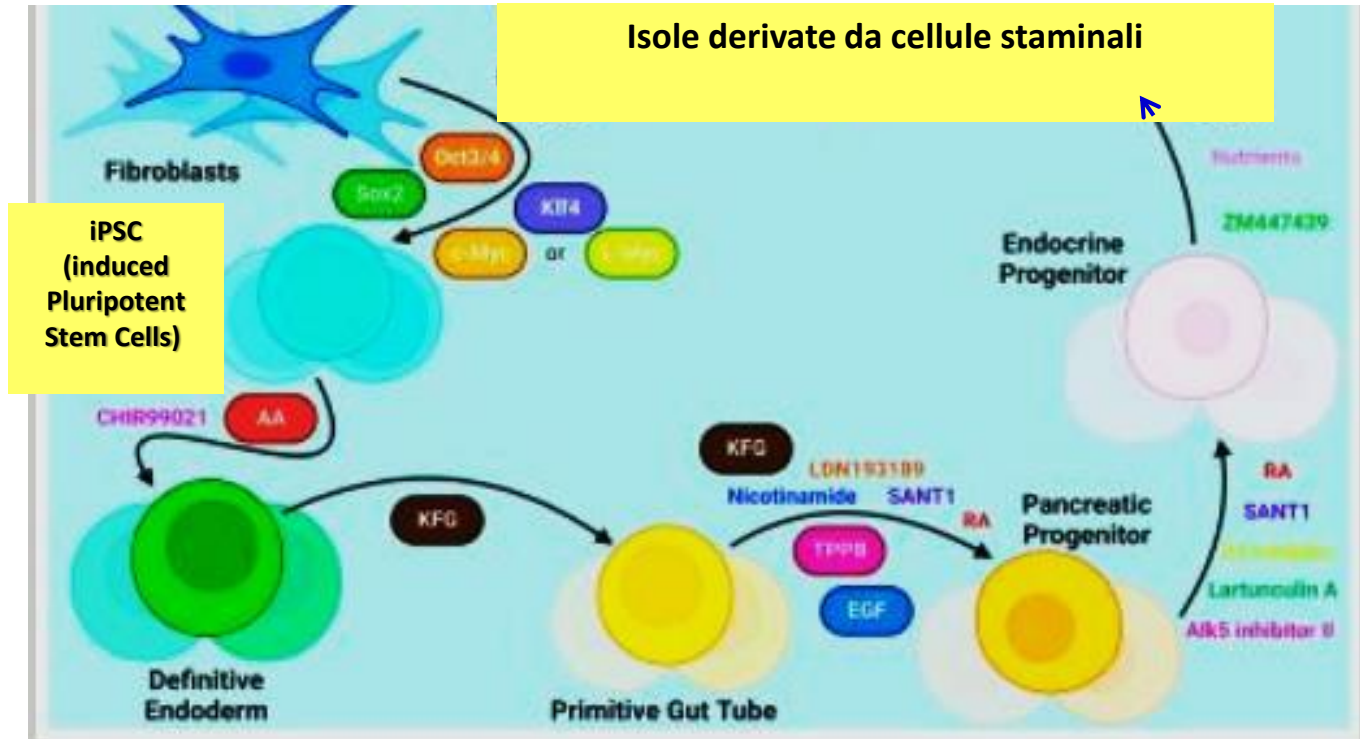


The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2012 jointly to J.B. Gurdon and S. Yamanaka for the discovery that mature cells can be reprogrammed to become pluripotent

Direct conversion of human fibroblasts to dopaminergic neurons PNAS | June 21, 2011 |

Direct conversion of human fibroblasts into functional osteoblasts by defined factors PNAS | May 12, 2015 |

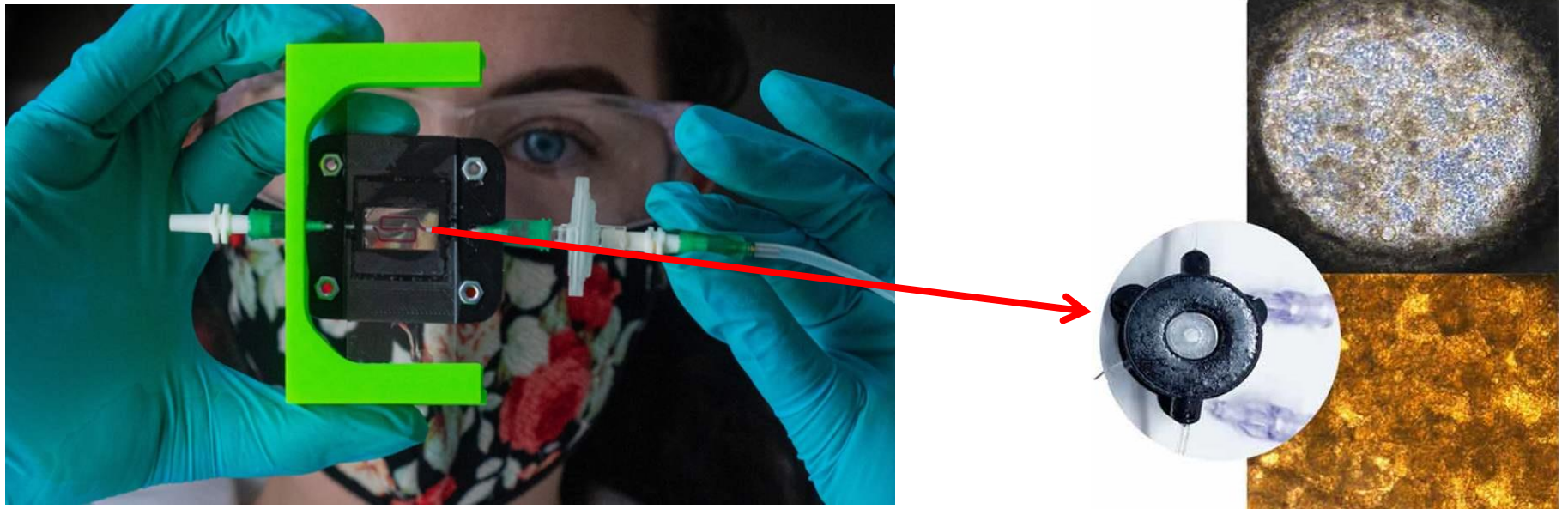
# Challenges of CRISPR/Cas-Based Cell Therapy for Type 1 Diabetes: How Not to Engineer a “Trojan Horse” Int. J. Mol. Sci. 2023,



The generation of hypoimmunogenic iPSC (induced pluripotent stem cells) seems to be a more universal approach...

Hypoimmunogenic iPSCs' engineering is a multi-step process involving the knockout or knockin of several genes. The CRISPR/Cas systems are best suited for such a complex task.

Gli Organ-on-Chip (OoC) sono sistemi miniaturizzati che consentono di riprodurre gli organi e di mimare la loro interazione biologici. I chip sono piastre che contengono al loro interno uno o più tipi di cellule.



Da iPCS pancreatiche inserite all'interno di un idrogel stampato in 3D biocompatibile si stanno testando (per ora su topi diabetici) OoC capaci di essere vascolarizzato così di riprodurre più da vicino la struttura di un vero pancreas

## Epigenetic silencing of triple negative breast cancer hallmarks by Withaferin A

Oncotarget, 2017,

Toh et al. *Molecular Cancer* (2017) 16:29  
DOI 10.1186/s12943-017-0596-9

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Epigenetics in cancer stem cells



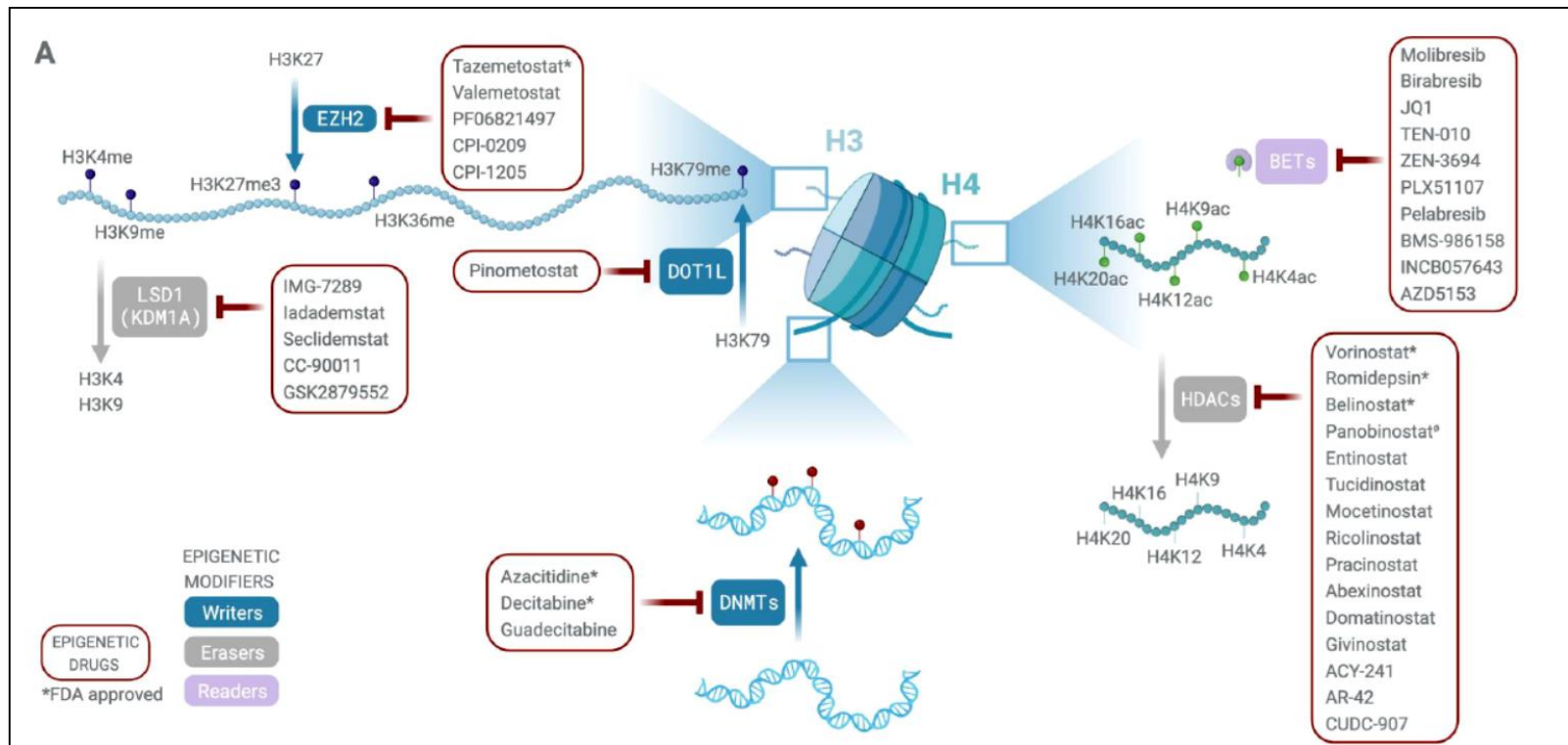
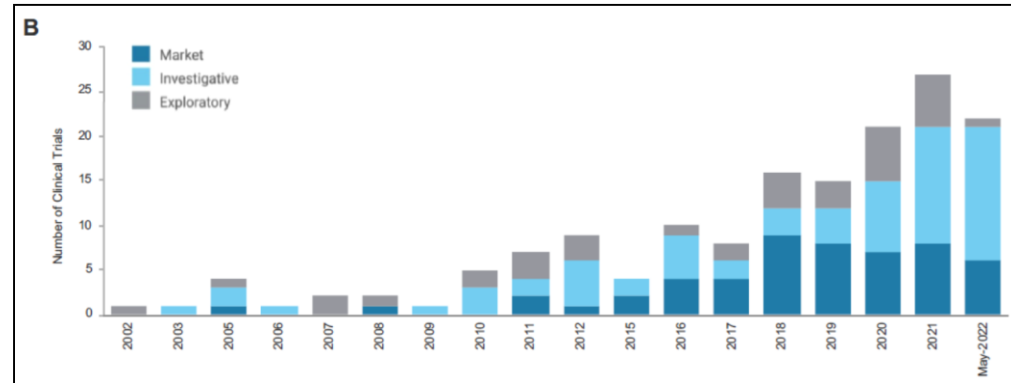
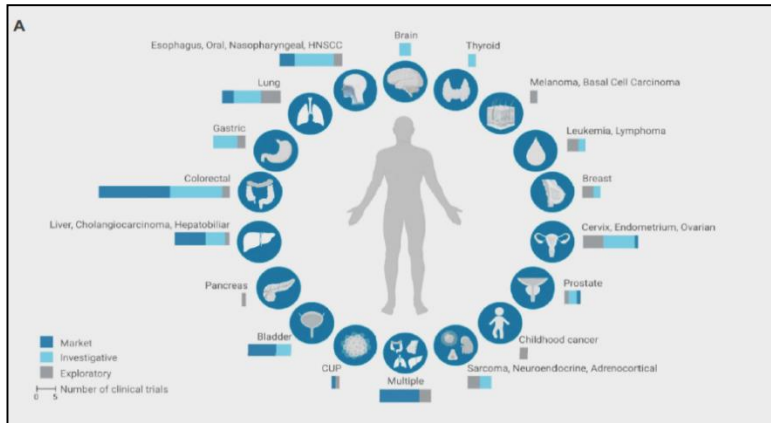
**REVIEW ARTICLE** *Signal Transduction and Targeted Therapy* (2025) [www.nature.com/](https://www.nature.com/)

## Epigenetic regulation of cancer stemness

In molti tumori è stata dimostrata la presenza di cellule staminali cancerose  
che danno origine a tutte le altre cellule tumorali  
comprese quelle che provvedono  
al sostegno citoarchitettonico, nutrizionale e vascolare del tumore  
proprio come fanno le normali cellule staminali per riparare un tessuto dopo una lesione

# Cancer epigenetics in clinical practice

Cancer J Clin. 2023;73:376–424.



Molecular mechanisms responsible for antitumor effects of epigenetic drugs

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come può essere così bassa  
la concordanza per malattie a base genetica?**



### Concordance rates in monozygotic twins:

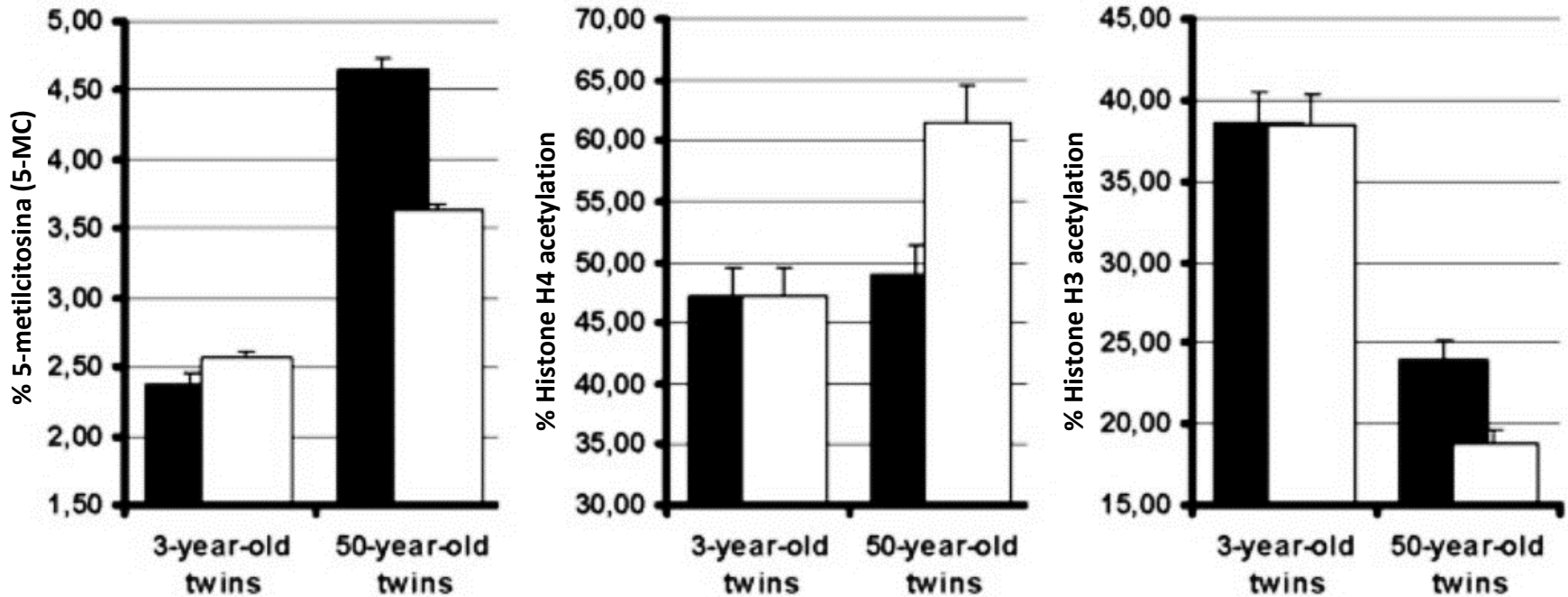
- 25% for multiple sclerosis,
- 40-50% for Type 1 diabetes
- 40-60 for BMI
- 50% for cancer in BRCA1 e BRCA2 mutations
- 50% for schizophrenia
- 60% for autism





## Epigenetic differences arise during the lifetime of monozygotic twins

PNAS | July 26, 2005 |



Comunque i gemelli monozigoti hanno sempre meno differenze nella metilazione del DNA rispetto ai gemelli dizigoti

(Zdravkovic et al, J Intern Med 2002; 252: 247-54.)



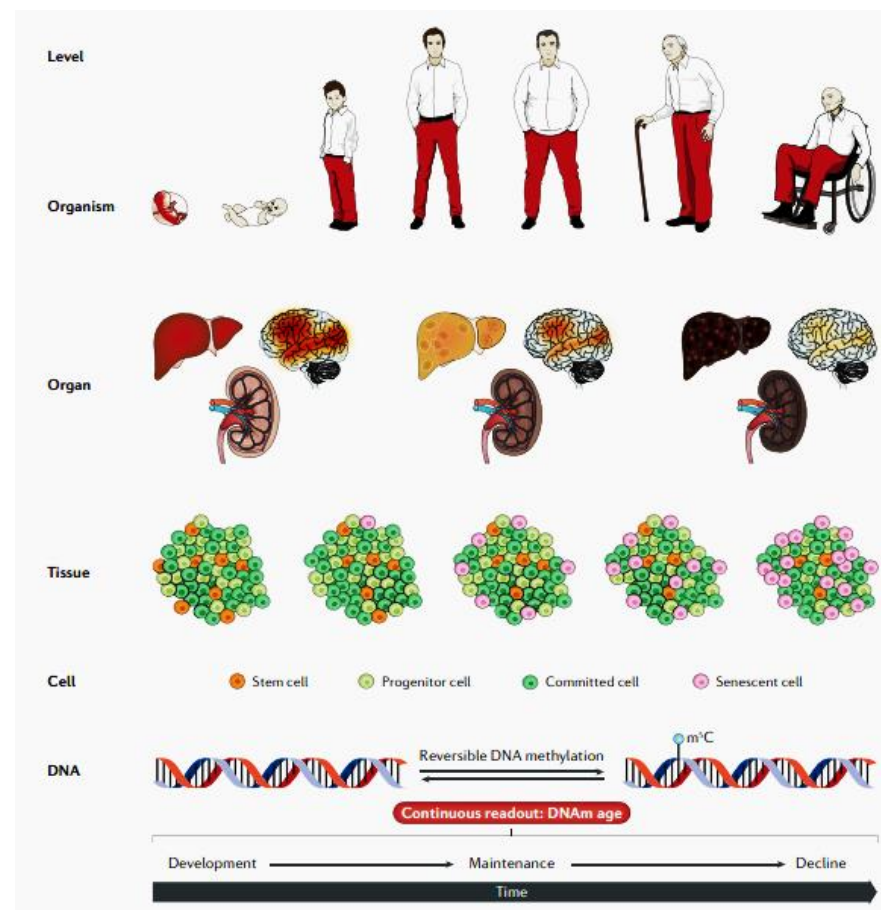
Perché il tuo DNA non è il tuo destino

## EPIGENETICS

# DNA methylation-based biomarkers and the epigenetic clock theory of ageing

NATURE REVIEWS | GENETICS 2018

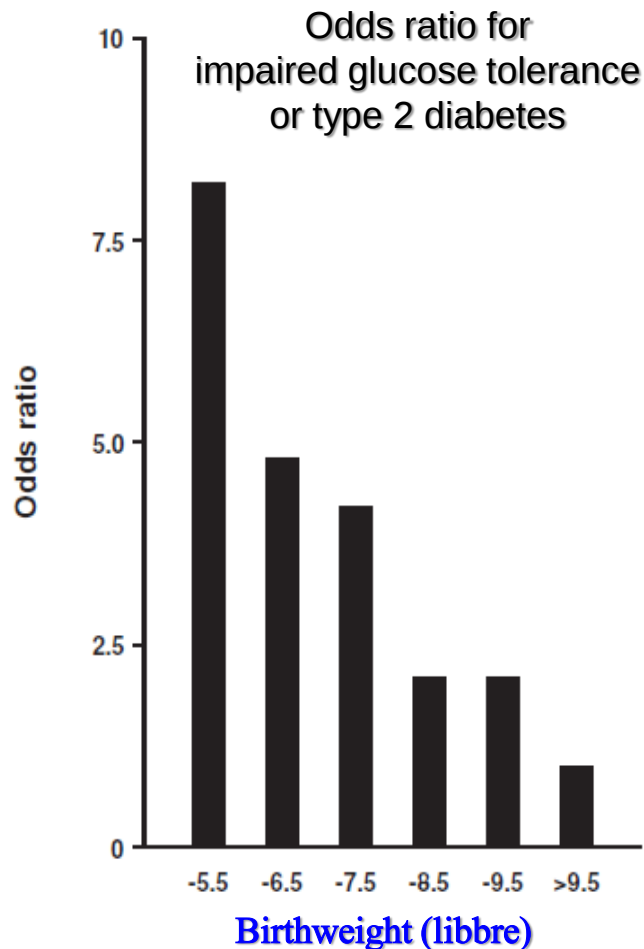
Steve Horvath<sup>1,2\*</sup> and Kenneth Raj<sup>3</sup>



**Fig. 3 | Tissue function versus DNA methylation-based age.** DNA methylation-based (DNAm) age is a continuous readout of molecular processes that play a role in development, tissue maintenance and, ultimately, decline. DNAm age increases as stem and progenitor cells undergo differentiation to produce more committed cells for growth during the early developmental years and for replenishment of committed cells during the maintenance years (after 20 years).

## Riprendiamo il 1° interrogativo:

**come può cambiare l'espressione genica  
nelle generazioni esposte a carestia fetale  
senza modifiche del DNA?**



*Poor nutrition in fetal and early infant life ....  
greatly increase susceptibility  
to the development of Type 2 diabetes*

*Charles Nicholas Hales, 1992,*

## Nutritional control of reproductive status in honeybees via DNA methylation

# Epigenetics of Royalty

PLoS Biol 8(11): 2010

Diet and Cell Size Both Affect Queen-Worker Differentiation through DNA Methylation in Honey Bees (*Apis mellifera*, Apidae)  
PLoS one April 2011

### SOLO LE LARVE ALIMENTATE CON PAPPA REALE SVILUPPANO REGINE

Il gene *dnactina p62* esprime i geni necessari per la trasformazione in regina.

La DNMT3 determina la metilazione (= inattivazione) del gene *dnactina p62*

La pappa reale riduce l'attività di DNMT3 e quindi diminuisce la metilazione del gene *dnactina p62*.

Il gene viene derepresso e l'ape si trasforma in regina.



Le api operaie o regine hanno genotipo identico ma **fenotipo diverso**



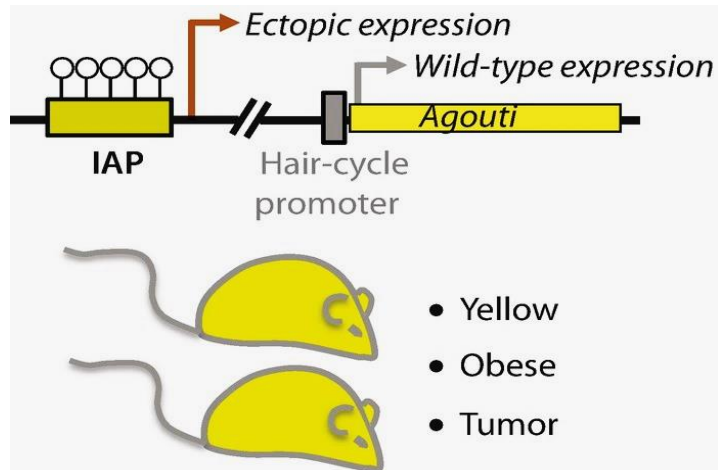
Le larve delle future regine mangiano sempre pappa reale



Le larve delle future operaie mangiano **pappa reale** soltanto nei **primi 2 giorni** di vita

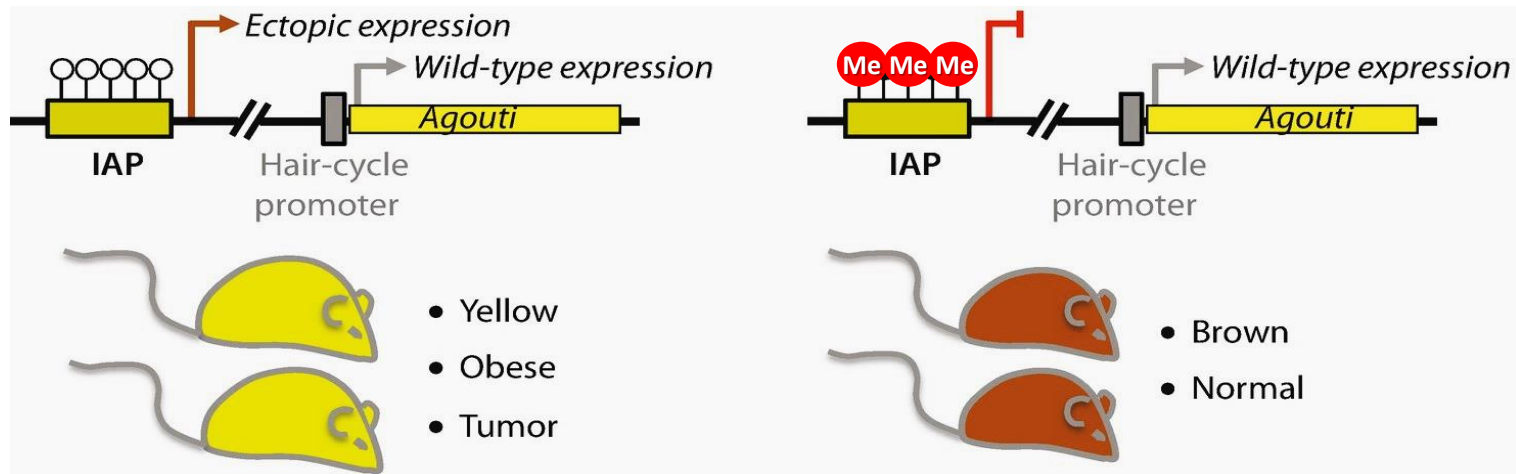


## The agouti mouse model: an epigenetic biosensor for nutritional and environmental alterations on the fetal epigenome *Nutr Rev.* 2008 August



Questo topo presenta un gene, detto Agouti, responsabile del colore marrone del manto. E' attivo solo per un breve periodo durante lo sviluppo: in seguito viene silenziato. A monte di questo gene si è verificato l'inserimento di un retrotrasposone (IAP). Un promotore criptico nell'estremità prossimale dell'IAP ( $A^{vy}$ ) promuove la trascrizione prolungata ed ectopica di Agouti che porta a pelliccia gialla, obesità e carcinogenesi.

# The agouti mouse model: an epigenetic biosensor for nutritional and environmental alterations on the fetal epigenome *Nutr Rev.* 2008 August



**Il retrotrasposone (IAP) può essere inattivato attraverso metilazione: in tal modo il gene Agouti non viene espresso e il topo è marrone e sano**



Yellow   Slightly Mottled   Mottled   Heavily Mottled   Pseudo-agouti

A seguito di un'alimentazione ricca di donatori di metili (acido folico, betaina, Vit B12) la metilazione viene facilitata e il topo è marrone e sano

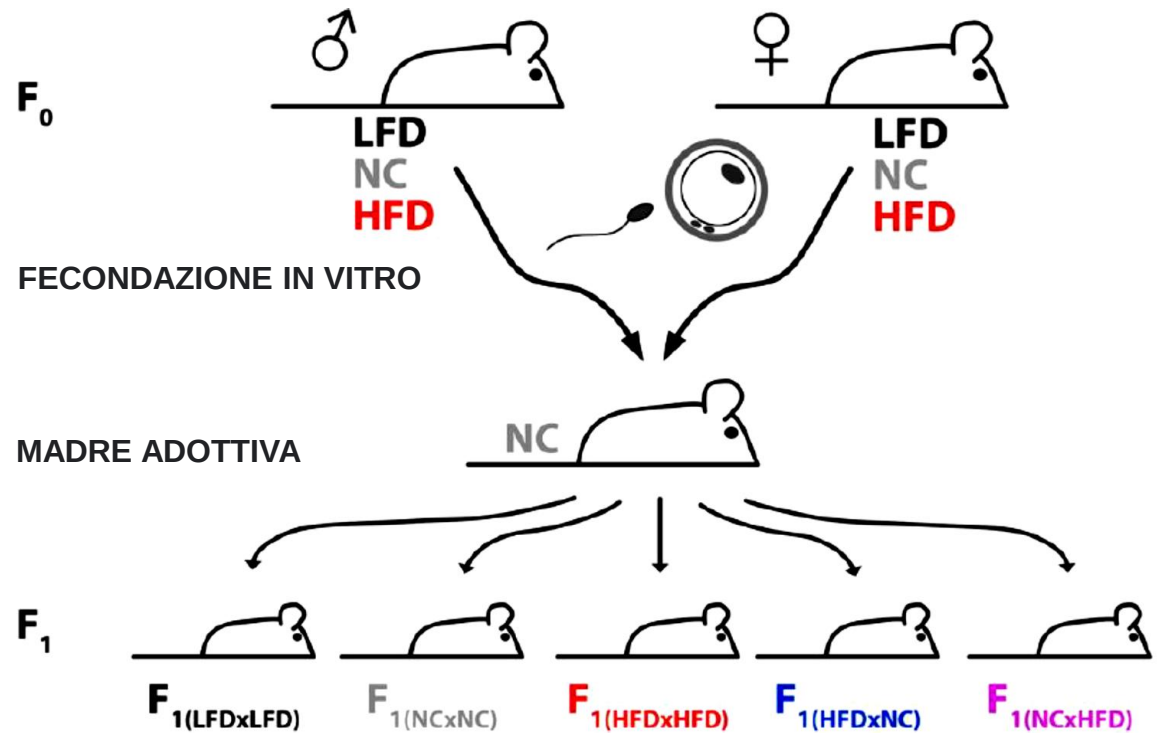
Per gradi intermedi di metilazione si hanno fenotipi intermedi dal giallo (non metilato) al marrone (metilato).

# Epigenetic germline inheritance of diet-induced obesity and insulin resistance

NATURE GENETICS VOLUME 48 | NUMBER 5 | MAY 2016

EPIGENETICA  
TRANSGENERAZIONALE

**LFD**: dieta basso contenuto di grassi  
**NC**: dieta normale  
**HFD**: dieta ad alto contenuto di grassi



Parental diets (father x mother)

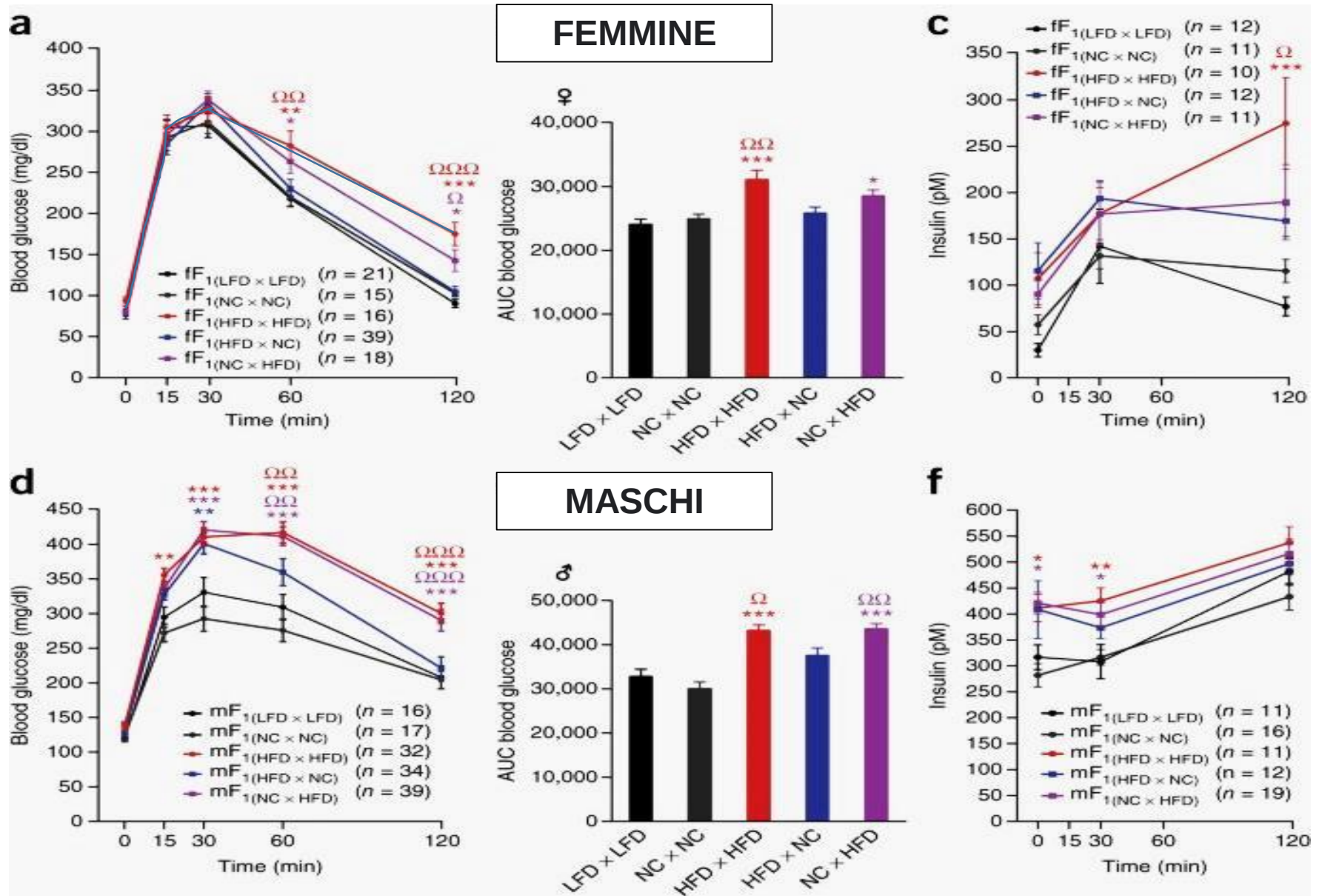
Two-cell embryos were transferred into healthy foster mothers that were maintained on an NC diet.

All offspring (F<sub>1</sub>) were weaned and kept on an NC diet until 9 weeks of age.

At 9 weeks of age, all F<sub>1</sub> offspring were placed on an HFD diet until 15 weeks of age.

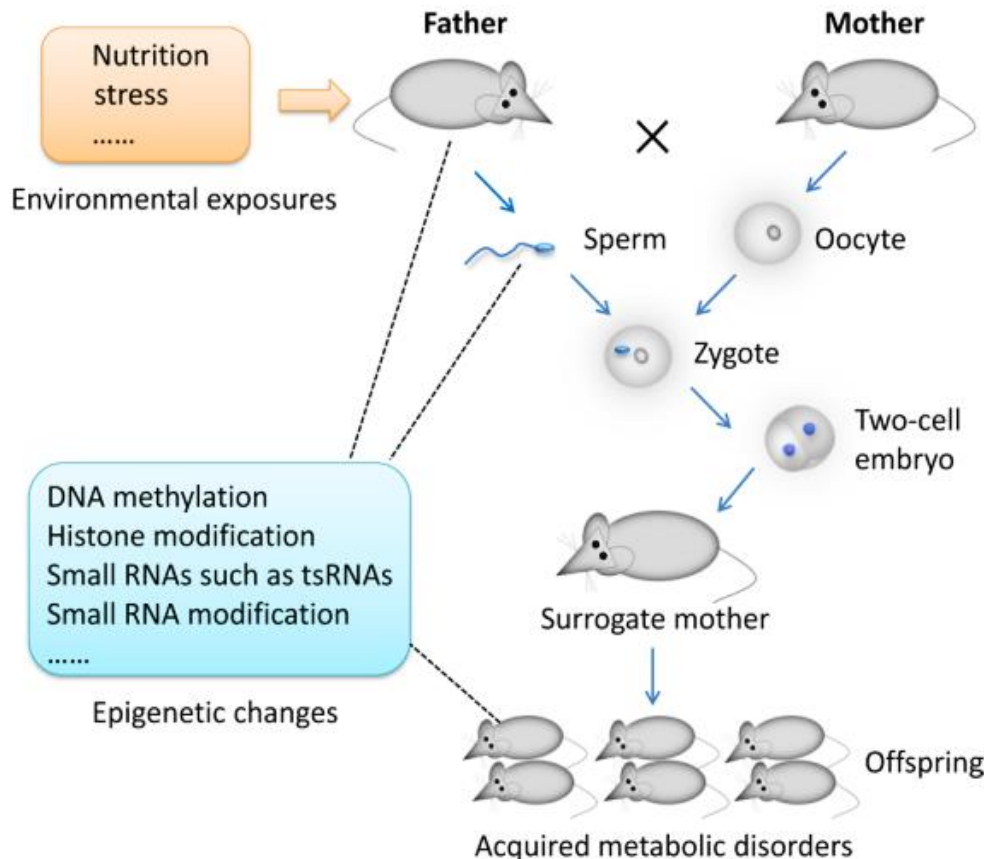
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# Sperm tsRNAs and acquired metabolic disorders

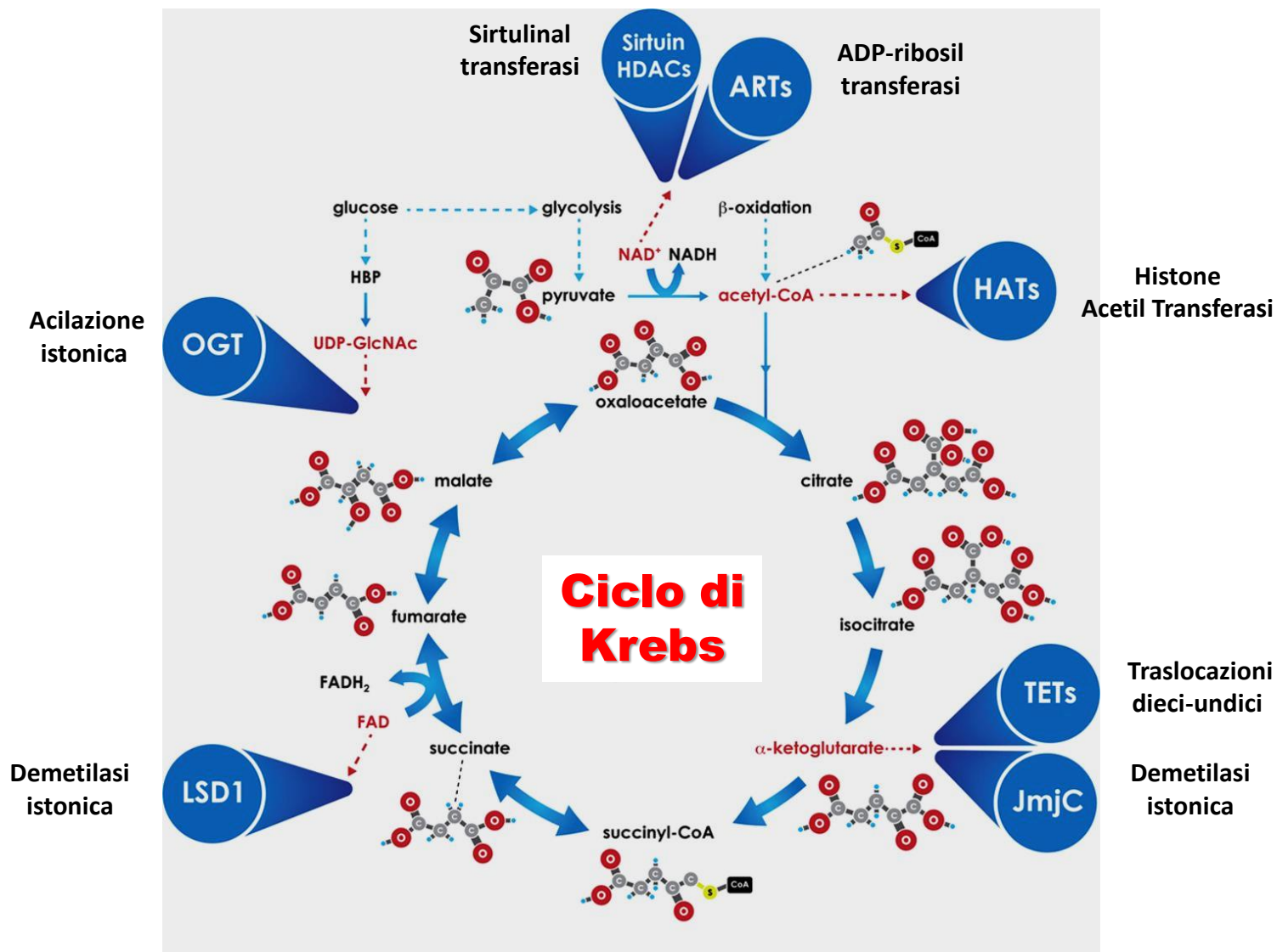
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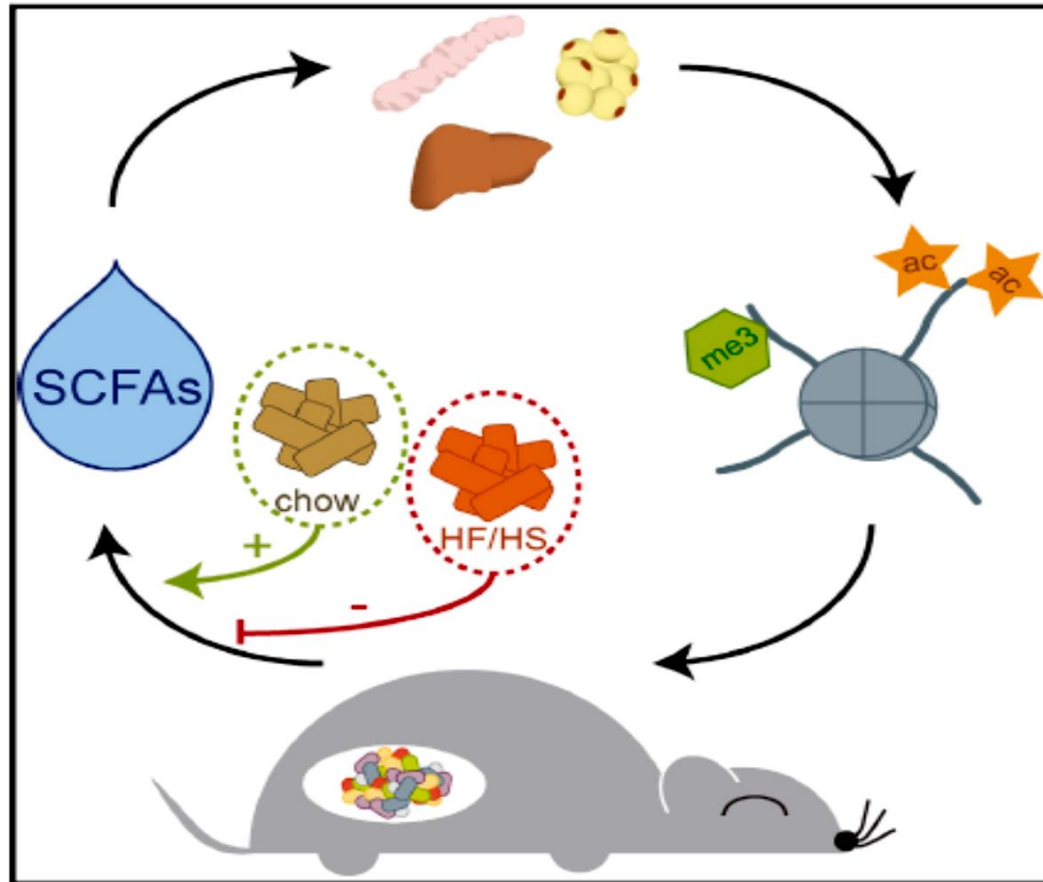
Small non-coding RNA (sncRNAs) trasferiti da ratti maschi sottoposti a dieta con alto contenuto di grassi, tramite iniezioni di sperma, in zigoti da ratti con dieta bilanciata hanno causato sindrome metabolica nella prole allevata con dieta bilanciata.

I disturbi metabolici nel F<sub>1</sub> progenie non erano correlati alla metilazione del DNA nelle isole CpG.

Pertanto gli sncRNA degli spermatozoi rappresentano un fattore epigenetico paterno indipendente che può mediare direttamente l'ereditarietà intergenerazionale dei disturbi metabolici indotti dalla dieta.



Gli intermedi del metabolismo energetico sono tutti cofattori per modifiche epigenetiche

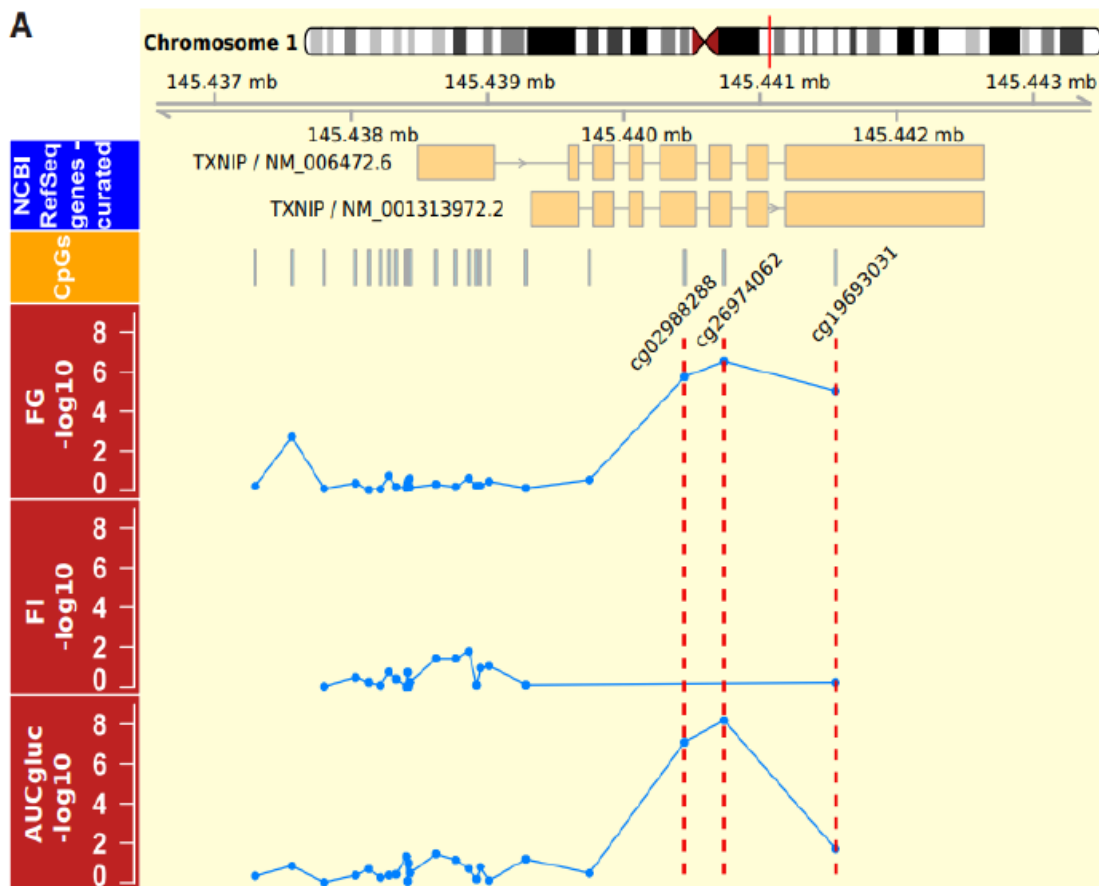


### Highlights

- Gut microbiota alter host histone acetylation and methylation in multiple tissues
- Western diet suppresses microbiota-driven SCFA production and chromatin effects
- SCFAs recapitulate microbiota-driven chromatin and transcriptional effects

# Maternal Glycemic Dysregulation During Pregnancy and Neonatal Blood DNA Methylation: Metaanalyses of Epigenome-Wide Association Studies

Diabetes Care 2022;



ANTIOXIDANTS & REDOX SIGNALING  
Volume 36, Numbers 13–15, 2022

## Thioredoxin-Interacting Protein in Cancer and Diabetes

TABLE 1. KEY NOTES OF THIS REVIEW

- (1) *Txnip* is the gene to protect from starvation.
- (2) *Txnip* is the most representative gene induced by glucose.
- (3) *Txnip* suppresses glucose uptake.
- (4) *Txnip* accumulation worsens diabetes.
- (5) *Txnip* acts as a tumor suppressor largely through the control of glucose utilization.
- (6) *Txnip* expression is regulated in multilayered mechanisms such as transcription, microRNA, mRNA stabilization, and protein degradation.
- (7) *Txnip* promotes autophagy.
- (8) *Txnip* may regulate mRNA and long noncoding RNA expression.
- (9) Alpha arrestin family proteins regulate intracellular trafficking, including endocytosis and microvesicular formation.

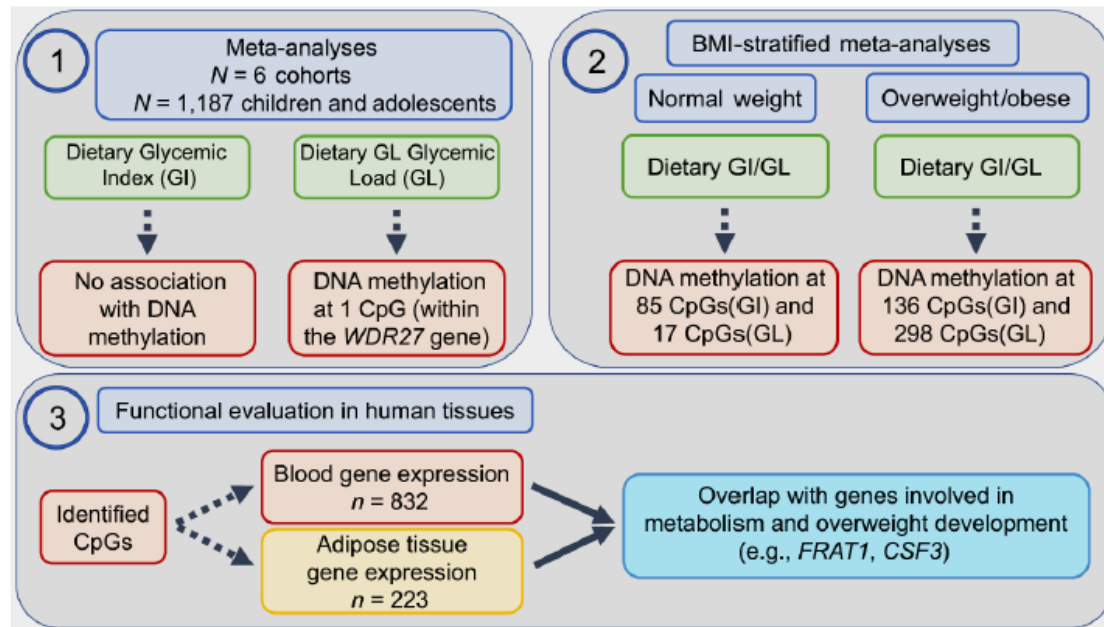
mRNA, messenger RNA; *Txnip*, thioredoxin-interacting protein.

**Conclusioni:** L'iperglicemia materna è associata ad ipometilazione di TXNIP nel feto, con conseguente aumentato rischio di iperglicemia e diabete nella vita adulta.

**OBJECTIVE** Dietary glycemic index (GI) and glycemic load (GL) are associated with cardiometabolic health in children and adolescents, with distinct effects in people with increased BMI.

DNA methylation (DNAm) may mediate these effects.

Thus, we conducted meta-analyses of epigenome-wide association studies (EWAS) between dietary GI and GL and blood DNAm of children and adolescents.



**CONCLUSIONS** We identified 537 associations between dietary GI and GL and blood DNAm, mainly in children and adolescents with overweight or obesity.

High-GI and/or -GL diets may influence epigenetic gene regulation and thereby promote metabolic derangements in young people with increased BMI

# La prima strategia preventiva delle malattie è all'inizio della vita



**DOHaD sta per "Developmental Origins of Health and Disease" :**

le esposizioni ambientali durante il periodo prenatale e i primi anni di vita  
(i "primi mille giorni")

influenzano permanentemente la salute e aumentano il rischio di malattie croniche nell'età adulta

(Barker DJ et al., Int J Epidemiol 2002)

COMMENTARY

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# Parma consensus statement on metabolic disruptors



## Summary and conclusions

The Parma workshop helped to focus this emerging field by developing an overarching hypothesis for the role of environmental chemicals in the current worldwide epidemics of obesity, diabetes and related metabolic diseases.

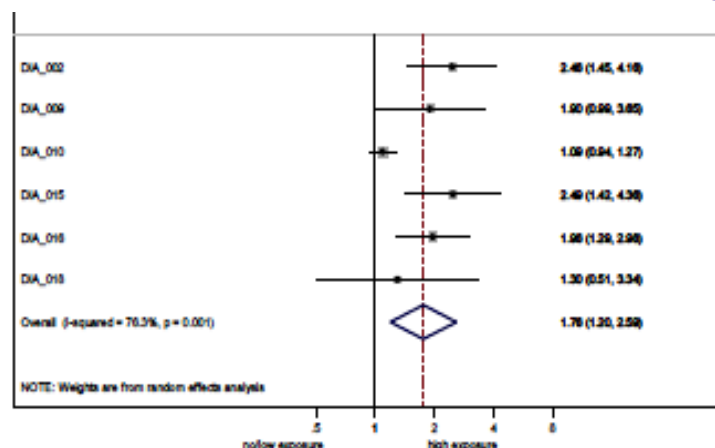


## EXTERNAL SCIENTIFIC REPORT

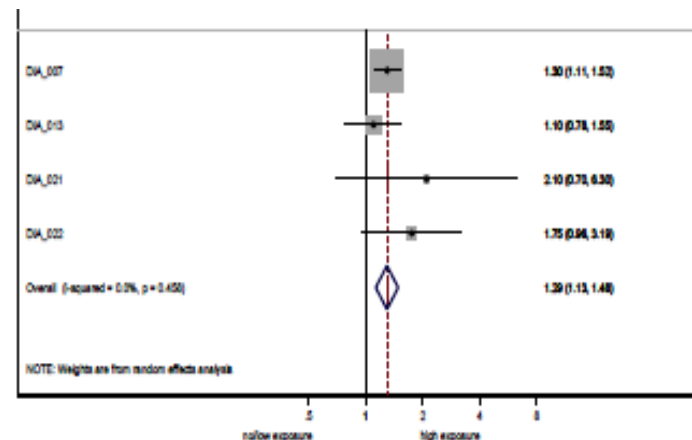
### Literature review on epidemiological studies linking exposure to pesticides and health effects<sup>1</sup>

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**Figure 36:** Summary odds ratio (OR) for the association between DDT exposure and type 1 diabetes



**Figure 37:** Summary odds ratio (OR) for the association between DDE exposure and type 2 diabetes

# Cancer Risk and Parental Pesticide Application in Children of Agricultural Health Study Participants

Environmental Health Perspectives • VOLUME 112 | NUMBER 5 | April 2004



An increased risk of cancer was detected among children whose fathers did not use chemically resistant gloves (OR = **1.98**) compared with children whose fathers used gloves.

|                           | Observed no. of<br>cancer cases | Expected no. of<br>cancer cases | Standardized<br>incidence ratio | 95% CI    |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>TOTAL<sup>a</sup></b>  | 50                              | 36.87                           | <b>1.36</b>                     | 1.03–1.79 |
| Leukemia <sup>c</sup>     | 9                               | 9.88                            | 0.91                            | 0.47–1.75 |
| Lymphoma                  | 9                               | 4.13                            | <b>2.18</b>                     | 1.13–4.19 |
| Hodgkin's                 | 5                               | 1.96                            | 2.56                            | 1.06–6.14 |
| Non-Hodgkin's             | 2                               | 1.70                            | 1.18                            | 0.29–4.70 |
| Burkitt's                 | 2                               | 0.37                            | 2.67                            | 0.37–19.0 |
| Brain tumors <sup>d</sup> | 11                              | 6.87                            | <b>1.60</b>                     | 0.89–2.89 |
| Neuroblastoma             | 3                               | 2.39                            | 1.26                            | 0.40–3.89 |
| Retinoblastoma            | 2                               | 1.22                            | 1.63                            | 0.41–6.53 |
| Wilms tumor               | 3                               | 1.92                            | 1.56                            | 0.50–4.84 |
| Bone tumors               | 4                               | 1.82                            | <b>2.19</b>                     | 0.82–5.84 |
| Soft-tissue tumors        | 3                               | 2.57                            | 1.17                            | 0.38–3.62 |
| Germ cell tumors          | 5                               | 1.71                            | <b>2.34</b>                     | 0.88–6.24 |

<sup>a</sup>Cancer rates for Iowa 1975–1998 were used as reference standard in calculation of standardized incidence ratios.

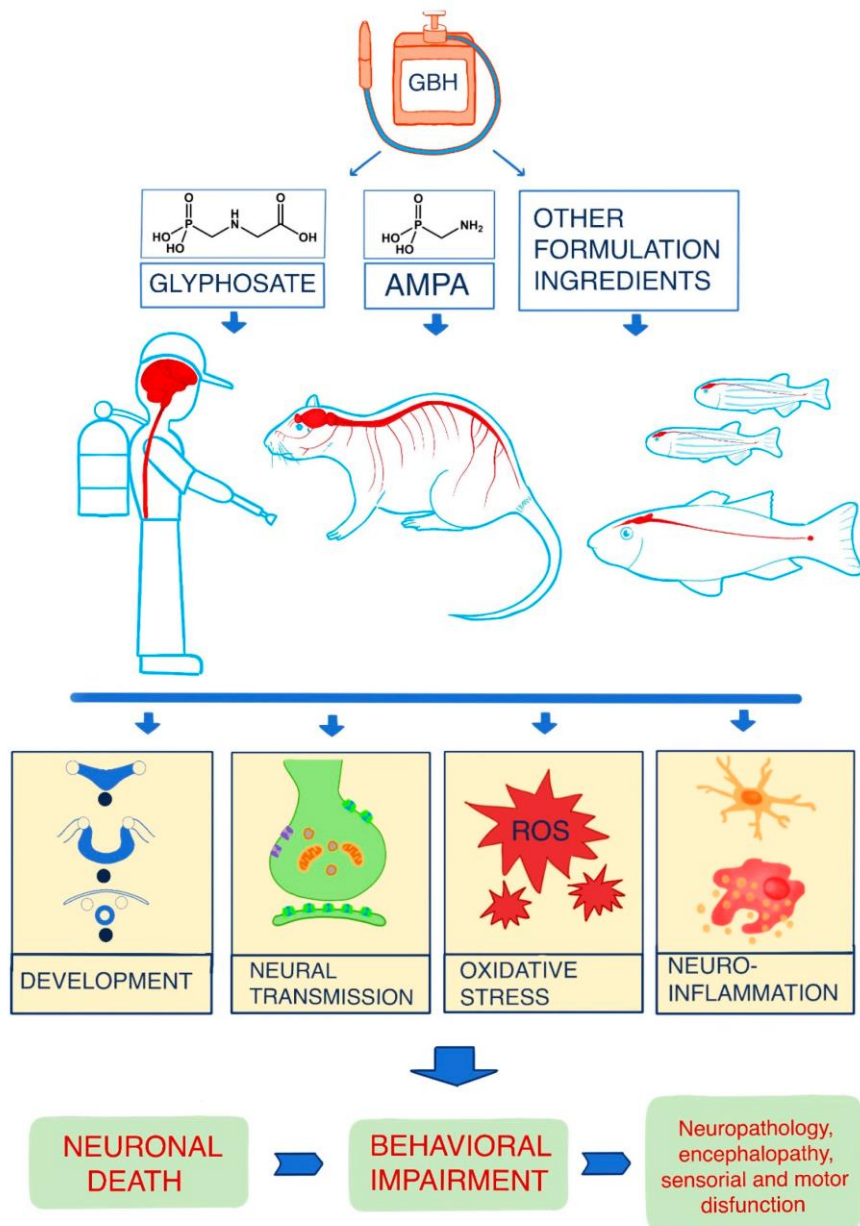
# Unione europea, la riforma abbandonata sui pesticidi (dopo le proteste dei trattori): stop ai divieti vicino alle scuole

Dall'obiettivo di dimezzarli entro il 2030 al divieto di usarli in aree "sensibili" come parchi, scuole e ospedali: tutte le misure ritirate dall'Ue per andare incontro alle proteste degli agricoltori

Sia gli agricoltori sia chi utilizza professionalmente i pesticidi, secondo la proposta, avrebbero dovuto privilegiare metodi alternativi e più ecologici per prevenire le infestazioni. Le alternative avrebbero dovuto essere definite da ciascun Paese membro tramite norme specifiche per ogni coltura. **Tra i metodi alternativi elencati nella normativa, c'erano ad esempio la rotazione delle colture e il ricorso a tecniche di agricoltura di precisione.**

# Toxic Effects of Glyphosate on the Nervous System: A Systematic Review

*Int. J. Mol. Sci.* 2022,



**Summary** .....The doses of glyphosate that produce these neurotoxic effects vary widely but are lower than the limits set by regulatory agencies. Although there are important discrepancies between the analyzed findings, **it is unequivocal that exposure to glyphosate produces important alterations in the structure and function of the nervous system of humans, rodents, fish, and invertebrates.**

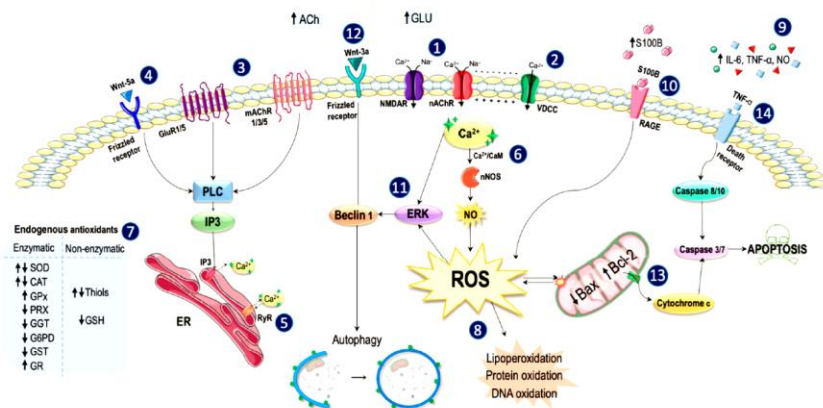


Figure 4. Possible mechanism of action of glyphosate or GBH in the nervous system. The presence

# Epigenetic Changes Associated With Exposure to Glyphosate-Based Herbicides in Mammals

Frontiers in Endocrinology

May 2021

## Humans

| Compound            | Modification                                  | Tissue/Cell                      | Main Effects                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Glyphosate          | DNA methylation (33)                          | Cell Mononuclei Perif            | Decrease global 5mC percentage<br>Increase methylation of p53 promoter                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Glyphosate          | DNA methylation (34)                          | Cell Mononuclei Perif            | Decrease global 5mC percentage<br>Change methylation pattern of p21 and p53 promoters<br>Alter the expression genes involved in regulation of cell cycle (CCND1, p16, P21, and P53) and apoptosis (BCL2)                                                            |
| Glyphosate          | DNA methylation (35)                          | Linea Cellulare Mammella Normale | DNA hypomethylation occurring via TET pathway<br>Changes in methylation patterns of MTRNL2 and DUX4 genes<br>Exposure to glyphosate and miRNA 182-5p induced tumor development in 50% mice<br>TET inhibitor prevents tumor formation in glyphosate-miR 182-5p-cells |
| AMPA and Glyphosate | DNA methylation and histone modification (36) | Cell Mononuclei Perif            | Changes in the expression of DNMT1 and HDAC3 by glyphosate and AMPA                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| AMPA                | DNA methylation (36)                          | Cell Mononuclei Perif            | Changes in the expression of DNMT3A by glyphosate<br>Decrease global 5mC percentage<br>Change methylation pattern of p21 and p53 promoters<br>Increase the expression of CCND1                                                                                      |

## Rodents

|            |                                               |                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| GBH        | DNA methylation (37)                          | Rat mammary gland | Alter mammary gland development<br>Decrease ER $\alpha$ protein and mRNA expression (transcripts OS, O, OT, and E1)<br>Changes in methylation patterns of ER $\alpha$ promoters in post-puberal animals                                           |
| GBH        | DNA methylation and histone modification (38) | Rat uterus        | Increase ER $\alpha$ mRNA during pre-implantation period<br>Increase the relative abundance of ER $\alpha$ -O transcript variant<br>Alter methylation status and histone post-transductional modifications in the O promoter of ER $\alpha$ gene. |
| GBH        | miRNA (39)                                    | Mouse brain (PFC) | 55 upregulated and 19 downregulated miRNAs<br>Alter Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin and Notch pathways                                                                                                                                                      |
| GBH        | circRNA (40)                                  | Mouse brain (Hip) | 330 upregulated and 333 downregulated circRNAs                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Glyphosate | DNA methylation (41)                          | Rat sperm         | Increase pathologies in F2 and F3 (prostate, ovarian and kidney diseases, obesity, birth abnormalities, and tumor growth)<br>DMRs in sperm                                                                                                        |
| Glyphosate | DNA methylation and histone modification (42) | Rat sperm         | DMRs and DHRs in F3 generation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

DHRs, Differential histone retention sites; DMRs, Differential DNA methylation sites; DNMT, DNA methyltransferase; HDAC, histone deacetylase; PBMCs, Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cells; PFC, Prefrontal Cortex; Hip, Hippocampus.

# ... e non è poi tanto difficile procurarsi il glifosato...



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Leader nei Test di laboratorio contro le truffe ai consumatori

....mandando in laboratorio su 20 marche di spaghetti... in 7 prodotti abbiamo trovato tracce di glifosato e in 6 (omissis...) il grano veniva anche da paesi extraeuropei. Dal Canada? Per alcuni campioni di pasta il sospetto è forte ma non abbiamo la certezza perché la normativa sull'etichettatura consente alle aziende di poter genericamente indicare la provenienza "Ue" e/o "non Ue"

## Diverging fates of cadmium and glyphosate during pasta cooking

**GLIFOSATO** Mean  $\pm$  standard deviation ( $n = 3$ ) glyphosate in pasta (dry weight) and cooking water sampled at various time points during cooking. Pasta was prepared from test materials B [application of glyphosate-containing herbicide product at  $<30\%$  grain moisture content (MC)] and C (application at  $>30\%$  MC). Unique superscripts indicate means were significantly different (one-way ANOVA,  $p < 0.001$ ).

| Cooking time (min) | Durum test material |                             |                     |                             |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
|                    | Test material B     |                             | Test material C     |                             |
|                    | Pasta (mg/kg)       | Cooking water (pg/ $\mu$ L) | Pasta (mg/kg)       | Cooking water (pg/ $\mu$ L) |
| 0                  | $0.335 \pm 0.003^a$ | $<3^a$                      | $0.633 \pm 0.002^a$ | $<0.003^a$                  |
| 3                  | $0.189 \pm 0.001^b$ | $15.7 \pm 0.1^a$            | $0.369 \pm 0.005^b$ | $29.3 \pm 0.5^b$            |
| 5                  | $0.166 \pm 0.001^c$ | $21.1 \pm 0.5^b$            | $0.321 \pm 0.001^c$ | $39 \pm 2^c$                |
| 7                  | $0.150 \pm 0.001^d$ | $25.3 \pm 0.3^b$            | $0.283 \pm 0.003^d$ | $47 \pm 1^d$                |
| 9                  | $0.136 \pm 0.001^e$ | $31.1 \pm 0.6^b$            | $0.254 \pm 0.005^e$ | $54 \pm 4^e$                |
| 11                 | $0.124 \pm 0.003^f$ | $35 \pm 2^b$                | $0.240 \pm 0.009^f$ | $63 \pm 3^f$                |
| 13                 | $0.111 \pm 0.001^g$ | $37 \pm 2^b$                | $0.218 \pm 0.005^g$ | $73 \pm 3^g$                |
| 15                 | $0.105 \pm 0.003^h$ | $41 \pm 2^b$                | $0.201 \pm 0.005^h$ | $74 \pm 1^h$                |

**CADMIO** Mean  $\pm$  standard deviation ( $n = 3$ ) cadmium in pasta (dry weight) and cooking water sampled at various time points during cooking. Pasta was prepared from test materials representing a high cadmium accumulating variety (A) and a low cadmium accumulating variety (B, C). Unique superscripts indicate means were significantly different (one-way ANOVA,  $p < 0.001$ ).

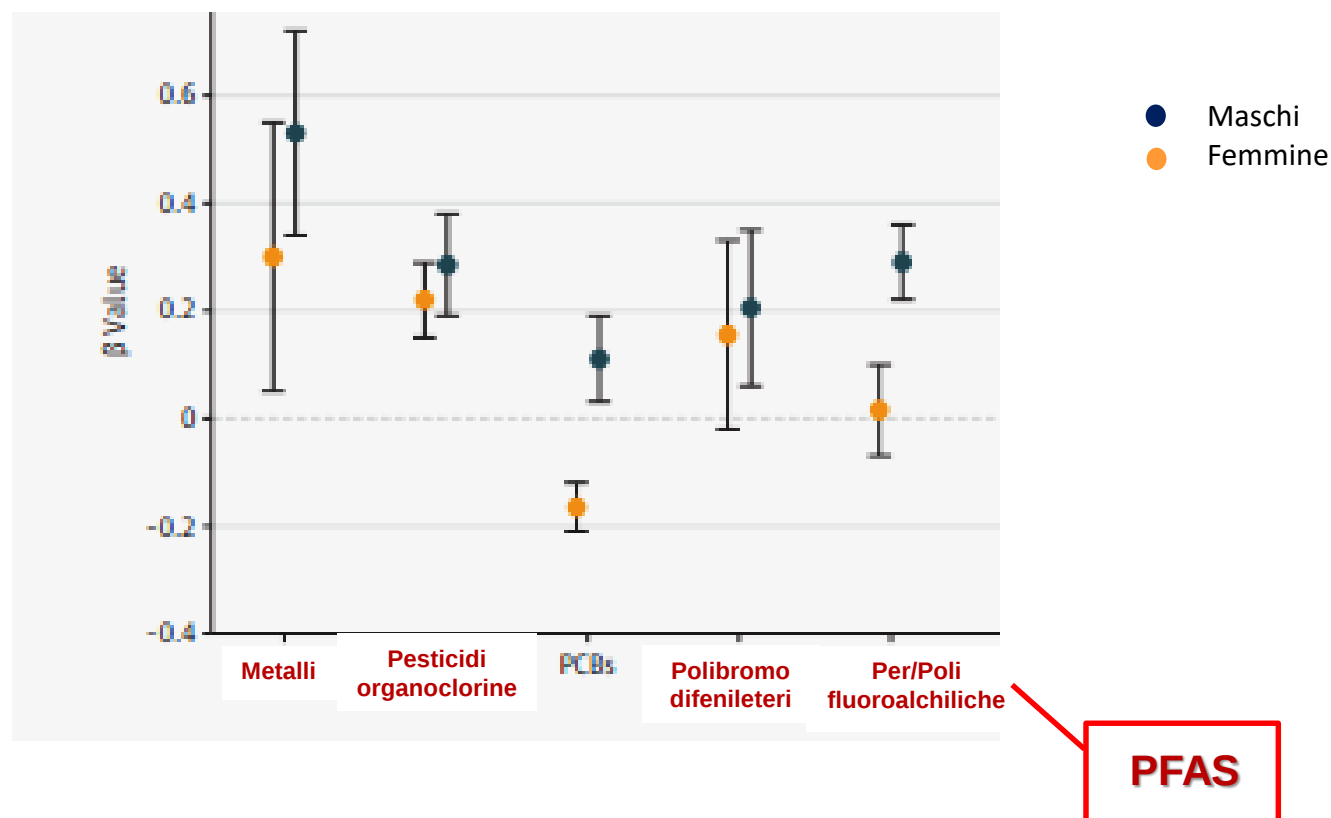
| Cooking time (min) | Durum test material |                             |                       |                             |                     |                             |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
|                    | Test material A     |                             | Test material B       |                             | Test material C     |                             |
|                    | Pasta (mg/kg)       | Cooking water (pg/ $\mu$ L) | Pasta (mg/kg)         | Cooking water (pg/ $\mu$ L) | Pasta (mg/kg)       | Cooking water (pg/ $\mu$ L) |
| 0                  | $0.159 \pm 0.002^a$ | $<0.1^a$                    | $0.048 \pm 0.001^a$   | $<0.1^a$                    | $0.054 \pm 0.001^a$ | $<0.1^a$                    |
| 3                  | $0.170 \pm 0.003^a$ | $0.45 \pm 0.02^b$           | $0.059 \pm 0.002^a$   | $0.203 \pm 0.003^a$         | $0.052 \pm 0.001^a$ | $0.167 \pm 0.004^a$         |
| 5                  | $0.171 \pm 0.004^a$ | $0.57 \pm 0.03^c$           | $0.064 \pm 0.009^a$   | $0.32 \pm 0.02^{ab}$        | $0.054 \pm 0.002^a$ | $0.23 \pm 0.01^{ab}$        |
| 7                  | $0.176 \pm 0.001^a$ | $0.68 \pm 0.03^d$           | $0.063 \pm 0.004^a$   | $0.35 \pm 0.02^{ab}$        | $0.054 \pm 0.003^a$ | $0.272 \pm 0.005^{ab}$      |
| 9                  | $0.176 \pm 0.002^a$ | $0.75 \pm 0.03^e$           | $0.063 \pm 0.004^a$   | $0.39 \pm 0.02^{ab}$        | $0.056 \pm 0.003^a$ | $0.32 \pm 0.01^{ab}$        |
| 11                 | $0.176 \pm 0.004^a$ | $0.85 \pm 0.03^f$           | $0.0600 \pm 0.0002^a$ | $0.41 \pm 0.01^{ab}$        | $0.059 \pm 0.005^a$ | $0.33 \pm 0.02^{ab}$        |
| 13                 | $0.176 \pm 0.002^a$ | $0.96 \pm 0.07^g$           | $0.061 \pm 0.002^a$   | $0.42 \pm 0.01^b$           | $0.056 \pm 0.002^a$ | $0.362 \pm 0.005^b$         |
| 15                 | $0.178 \pm 0.003^a$ | $0.98 \pm 0.02^h$           | $0.060 \pm 0.001^a$   | $0.41 \pm 0.02^b$           | $0.057 \pm 0.006^a$ | $0.36 \pm 0.01^b$           |



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## Prenatal Exposure to Chemical Mixtures and Metabolic Syndrome Risk in Children

Figure 2. Associations of Prenatal Chemical Mixtures With Metabolic Syndrome (MetS) Score Stratified by Sex



# Folate concentrations and serum perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substance concentrations in adolescents and adults in the USA (National Health and Nutrition Examination Study 2003-16): an observational study *Lancet Planet Health 2023;*

| Unadjusted percentage change (95% CI) |                            | Reduction in PFAS levels for 2,7 fold increase in folate among adolescents adjusted for age, sex, ethnicity, BMI etc |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Folate in red blood cells‡</b>     |                            |                                                                                                                      |
| PFOA                                  | -36.43% (-41.41 to -31.04) | -7.34% (-16.57 to 2.91)                                                                                              |
| PFOS                                  | -65.00% (-68.00 to -61.00) | -24.36% (-33.21 to -14.34)                                                                                           |
| PFNA                                  | -18.74% (-28.83 to -7.23)  | -13.00% (-21.87 to -3.12)                                                                                            |
| PFHxS                                 | -27.18% (-37.67 to -14.92) | -12.29% (-26.12 to 4.12)                                                                                             |
| <b>Folate in serum‡</b>               |                            |                                                                                                                      |
| PFOA                                  | -16.19% (-21.50 to -10.51) | 3.82% (-2.32 to 10.34)                                                                                               |
| PFOS                                  | -43.70% (-48.67 to -38.25) | -11.57% (-17.87 to -4.79)                                                                                            |
| PFNA                                  | -5.62% (-13.71 to 3.21)    | -1.25% (-7.14 to 5.01)                                                                                               |
| PFHxS                                 | -13.12% (-24.03 to -0.64)  | -3.94% (-15.51 to 9.20)                                                                                              |

Negative associations exist for PFAS concentrations in plasma and serum in relation to dietary intake of soy, beans, grain, spinach, vegetables, and fruits, which are foods containing high amounts of folate



**Interpretation** In this large-scale, nationally representative study, **we found consistent inverse associations for most examined serum PFAS compounds in relation to folate concentrations** measured in either red blood cells or serum among both adolescents and adults. These findings are supported by mechanistic in-vitro studies that show the potential of PFAS to compete with folate for several transporters implicated in PFAS toxicokinetics. If confirmed in experimental settings, these findings could have important implications for interventions to reduce the accumulated PFAS body burden and mitigate the related adverse health effects.

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