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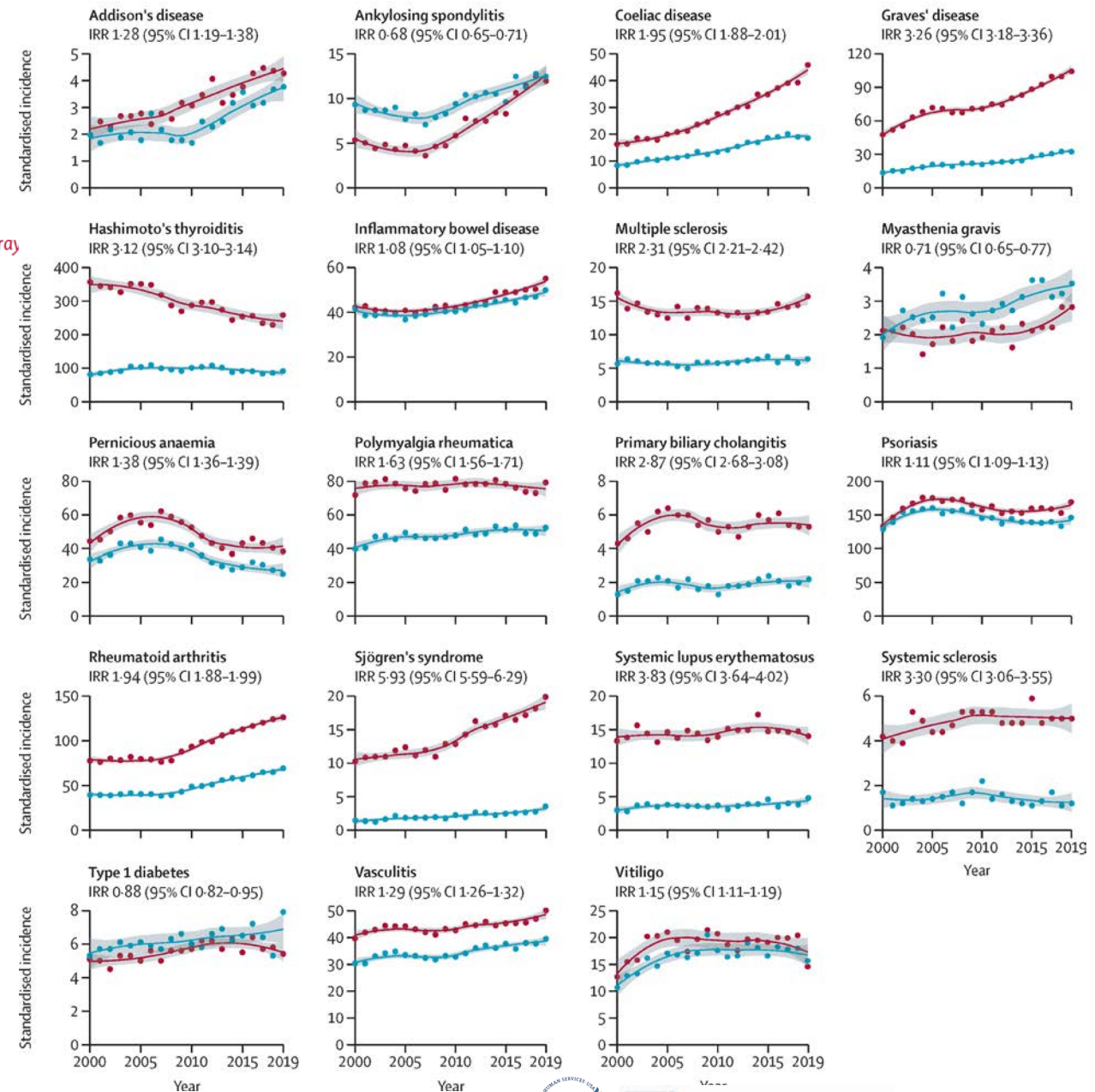
- Autoimmune diseases affect 7-8% of population
- Approximately 23.5 million Americans affected by autoimmune diseases
- Nearly 80% of people with autoimmune diseases are women
- Four times more women than men are affected by autoimmune diseases

Exact prevalence of autoimmune disease in the US is unknown due to lack of longitudinal data repositories

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- New diagnosis of autoimmune disease occurred in 4.45% of individuals over ~20 yrs
- 19 autoimmune diseases studied
- Affected 10.2% of population
- Prevalence rates increased over time



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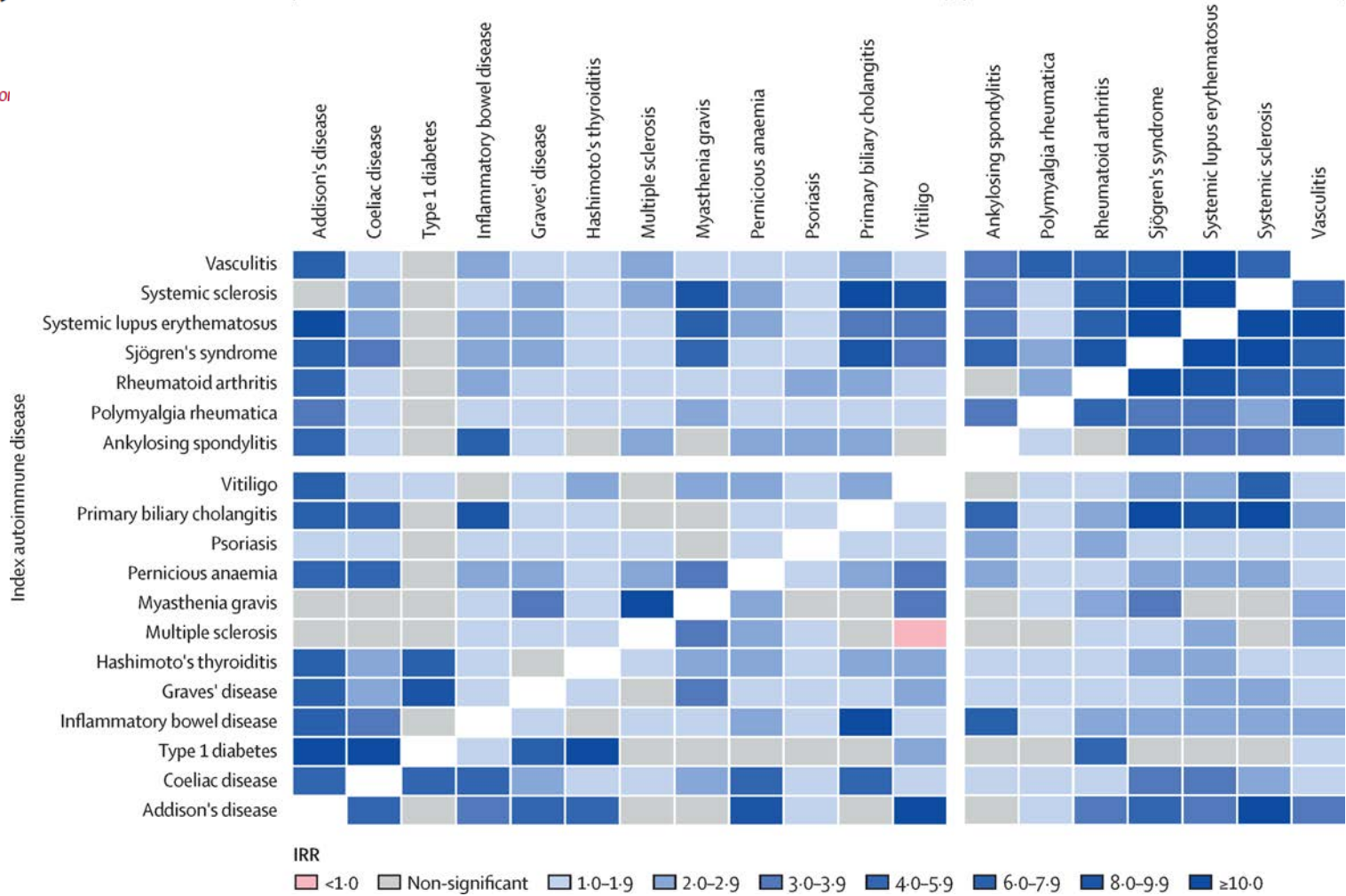
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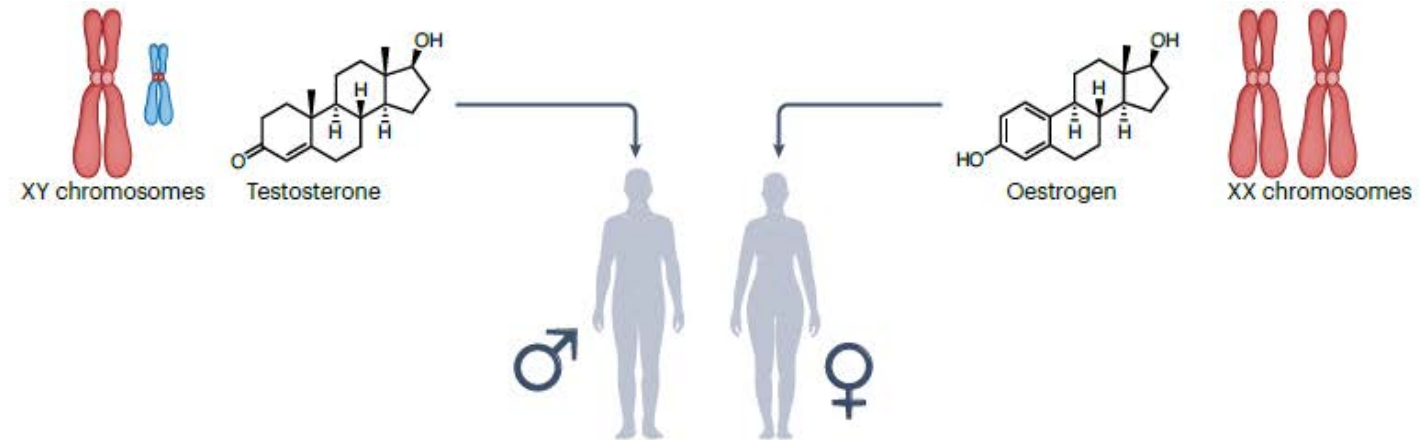
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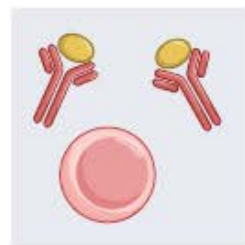


The conneXion between sex and immune responses

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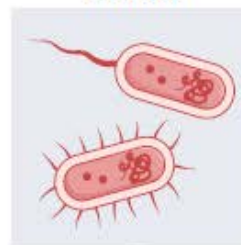


a Autoimmunity



b Pathogen infections and disease

Bacteria



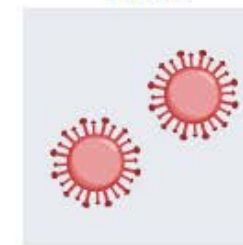
Parasites



Fungi



Viruses



Worms



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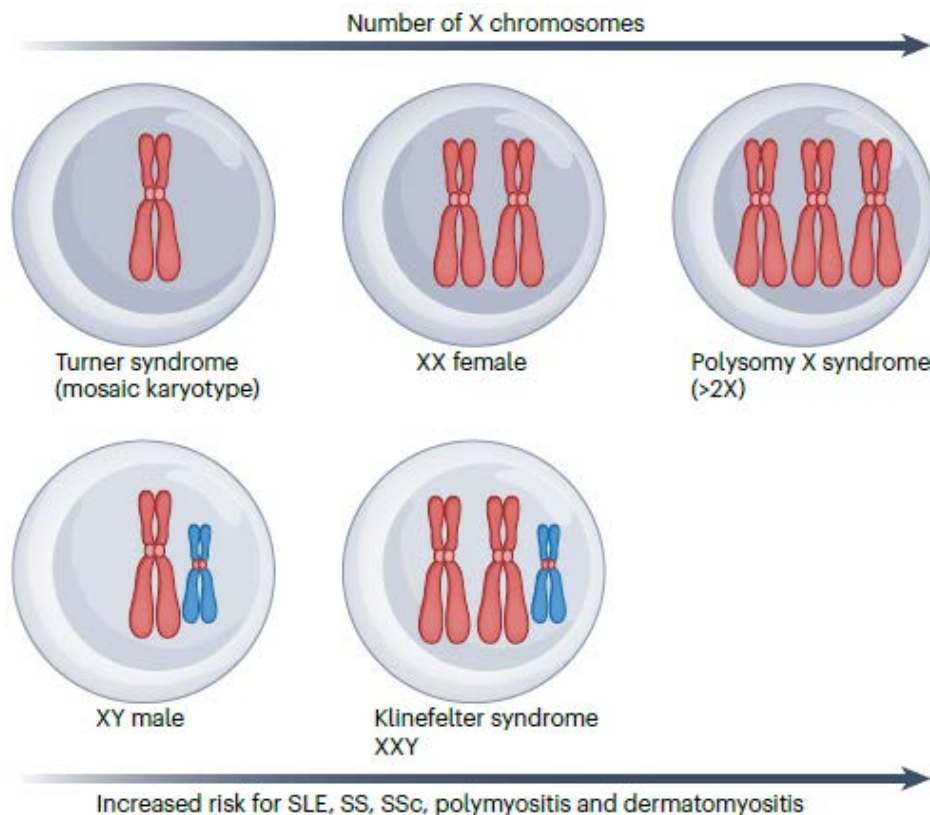
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Autoimmune disease	Prevalence in the USA (per 100,000 people)	Incidence in the USA (per 100,000 person-years)	Sex bias (% of affected individuals who are female)
Systemic lupus erythematosus	5–241 (ref. 131)	1.0 – 23.2 (ref. 131)	66–93 (ref. 131) 83.71 (ref. 60)
Sjögren syndrome	22–103 (ref. 132)	3.9 (ref. 133)	90.54 (ref. 60) 96.2 (ref. 133)
Systemic sclerosis (scleroderma)	27.6 (ref. 134)	1.93 (ref. 134)	83.7 (ref. 134) 75–93.5 (ref. 135) 83.80 (ref. 60)
Inflammatory myopathies: polymyositis and dermatomyositis	6.3 (ref. 67)	0.116–0.6 (ref. 67)	65.08 (ref. 60) 60–75 (ref. 67)
Rheumatoid arthritis	1,070 (ref. 136) 1,000 (ref. 67)	75.3 (ref. 136)	73.4 (ref. 136)

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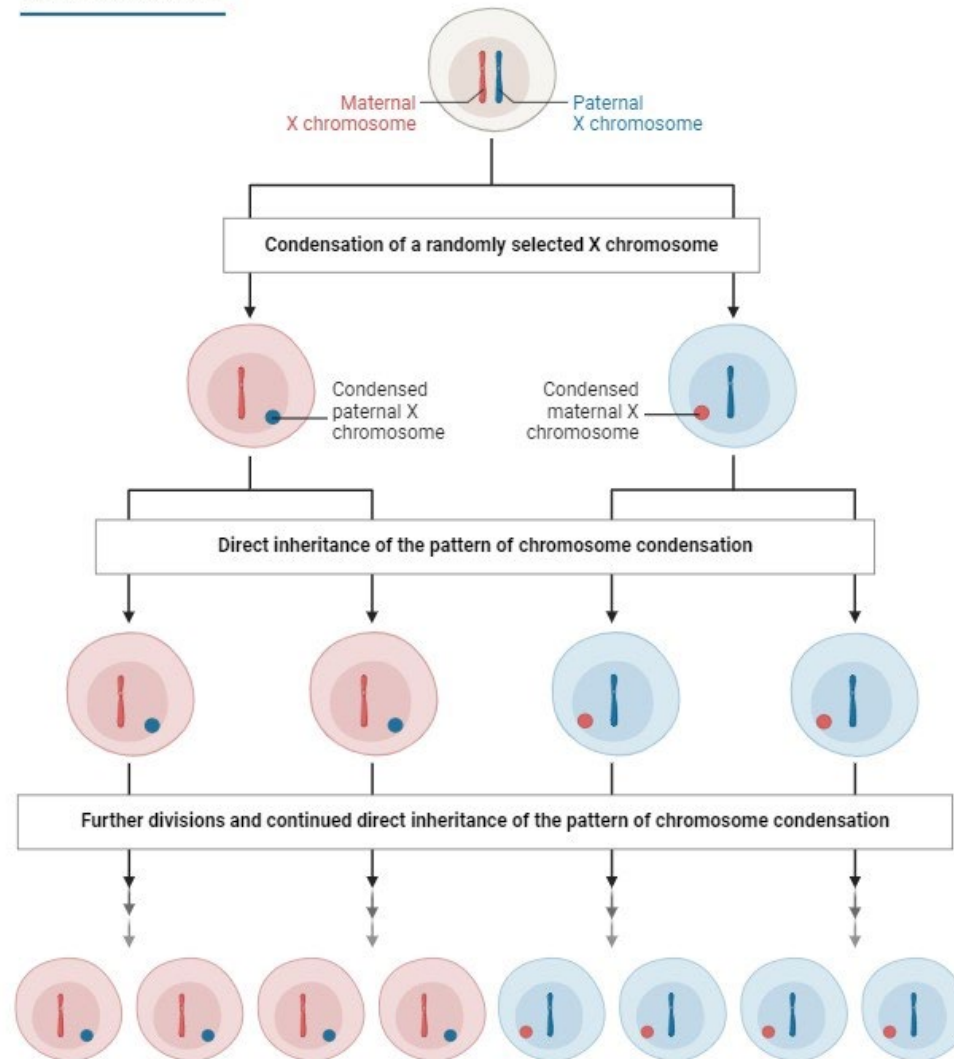
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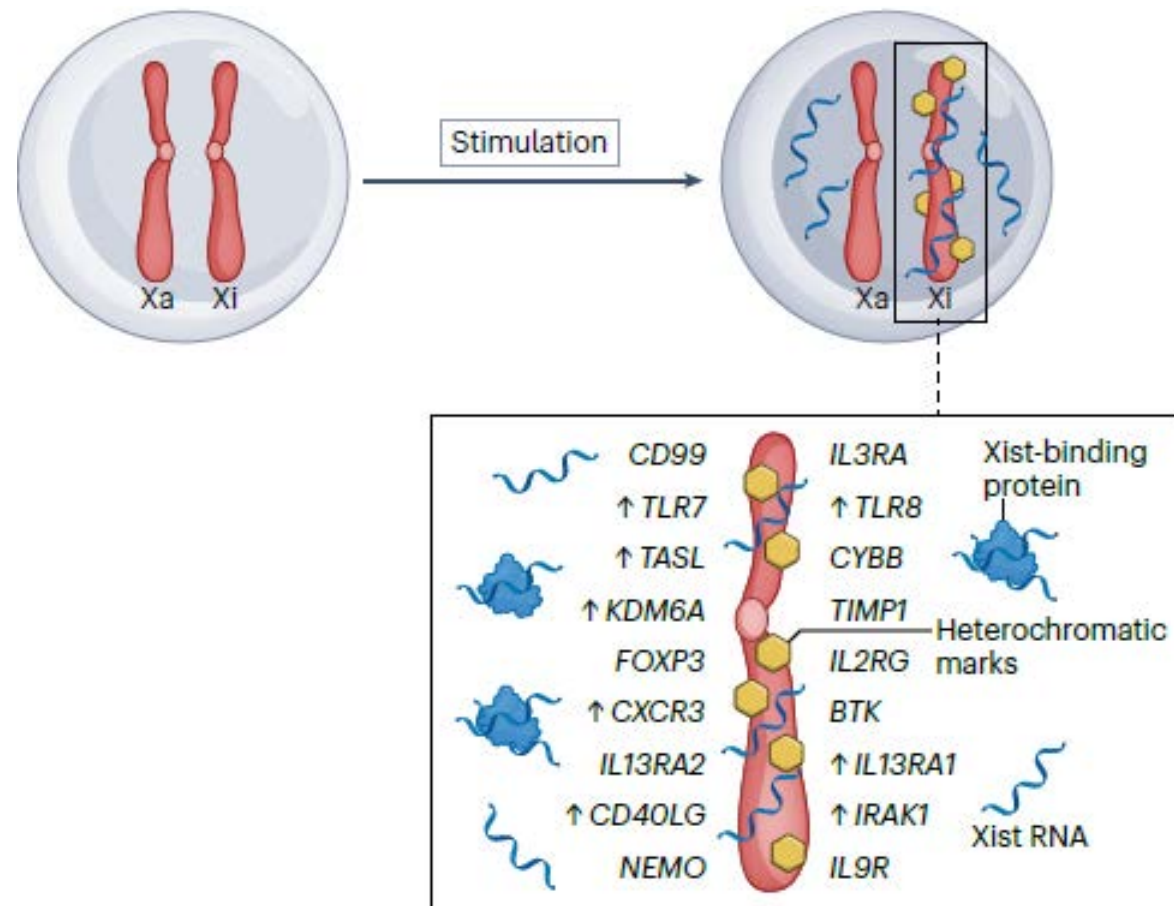
X-inactivation



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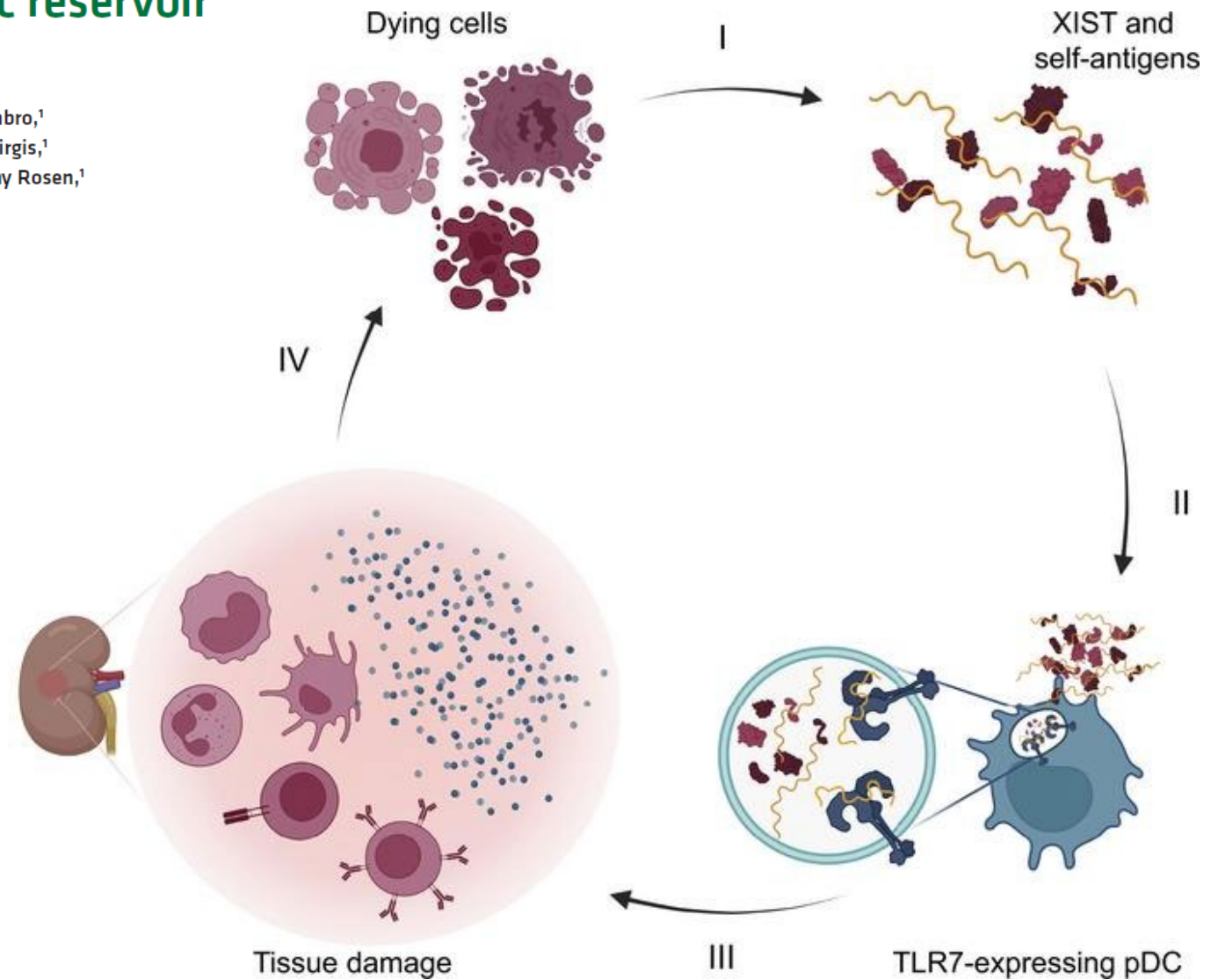
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The XIST lncRNA is a sex-specific reservoir of TLR7 ligands in SLE

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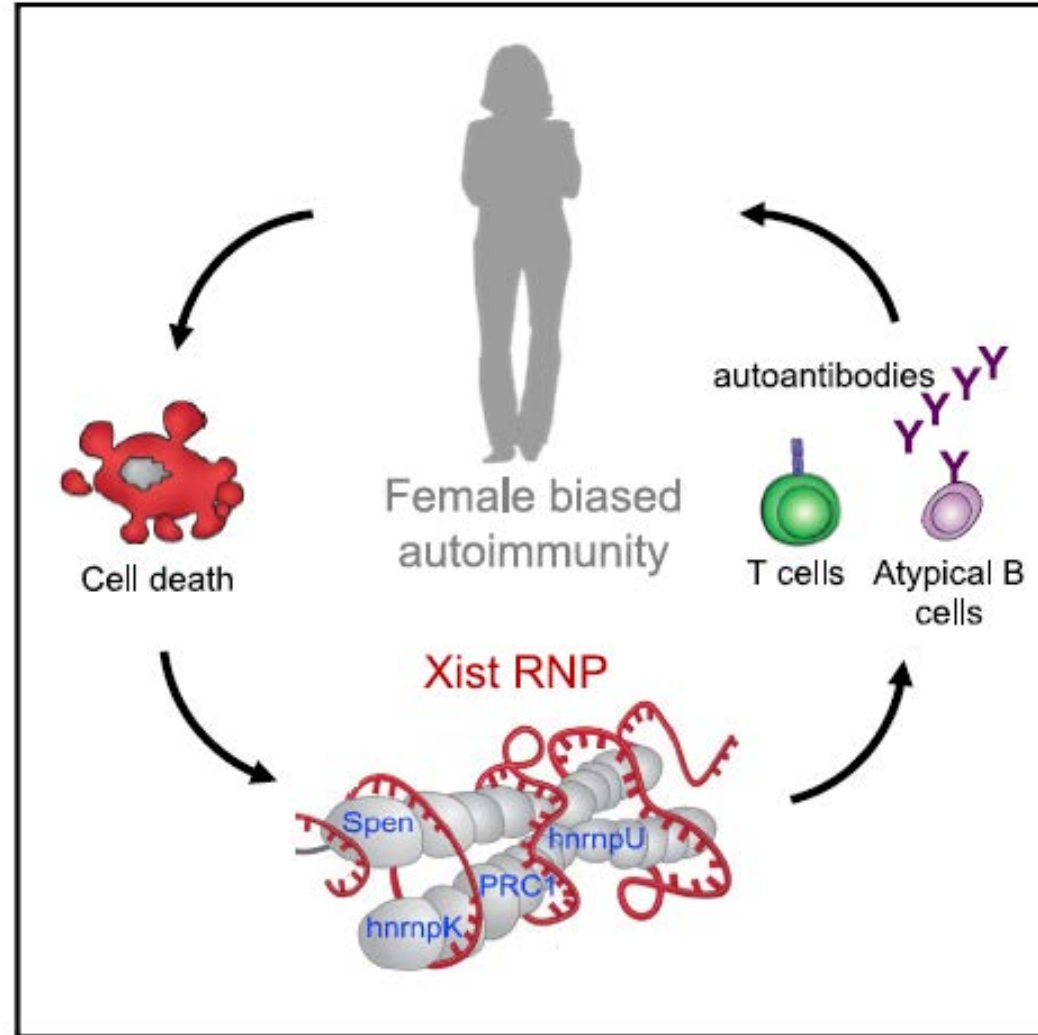
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Xist ribonucleoproteins promote female sex-biased autoimmunity

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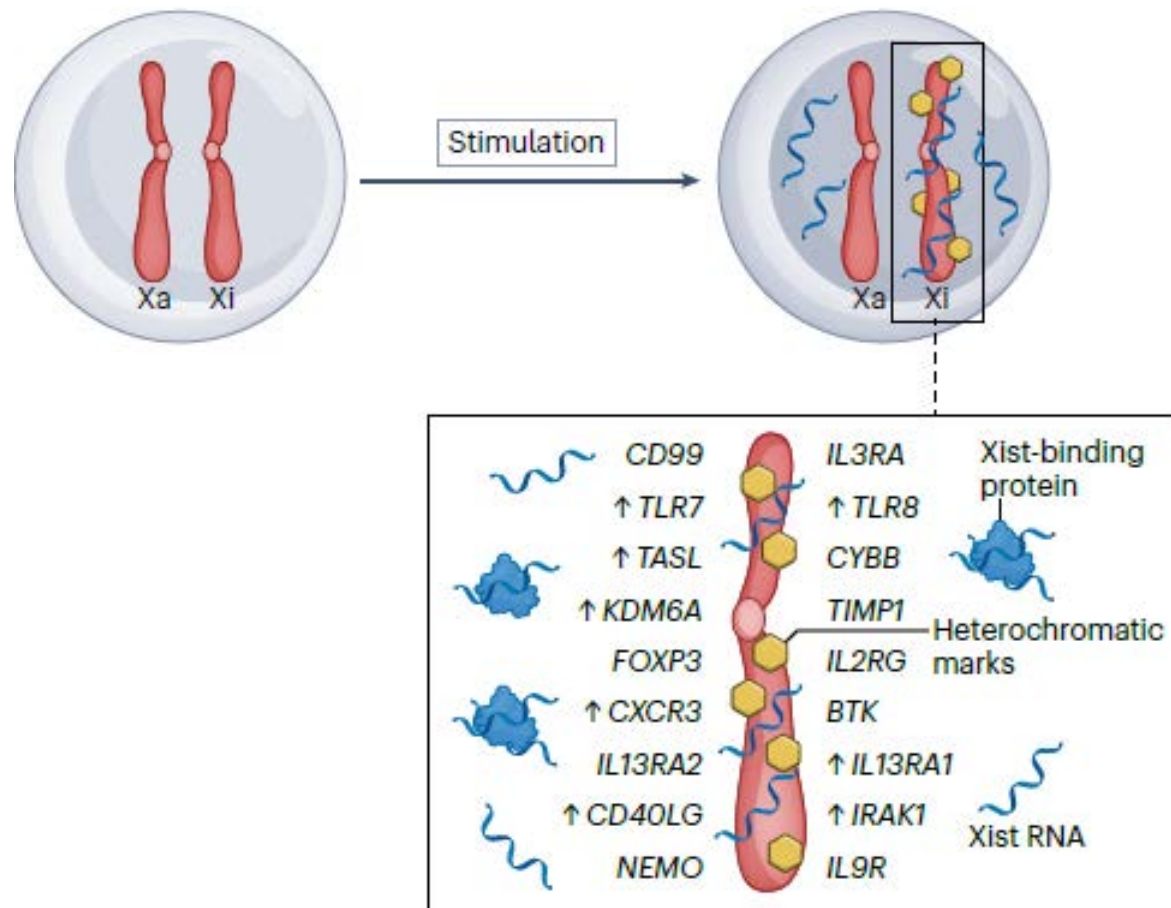


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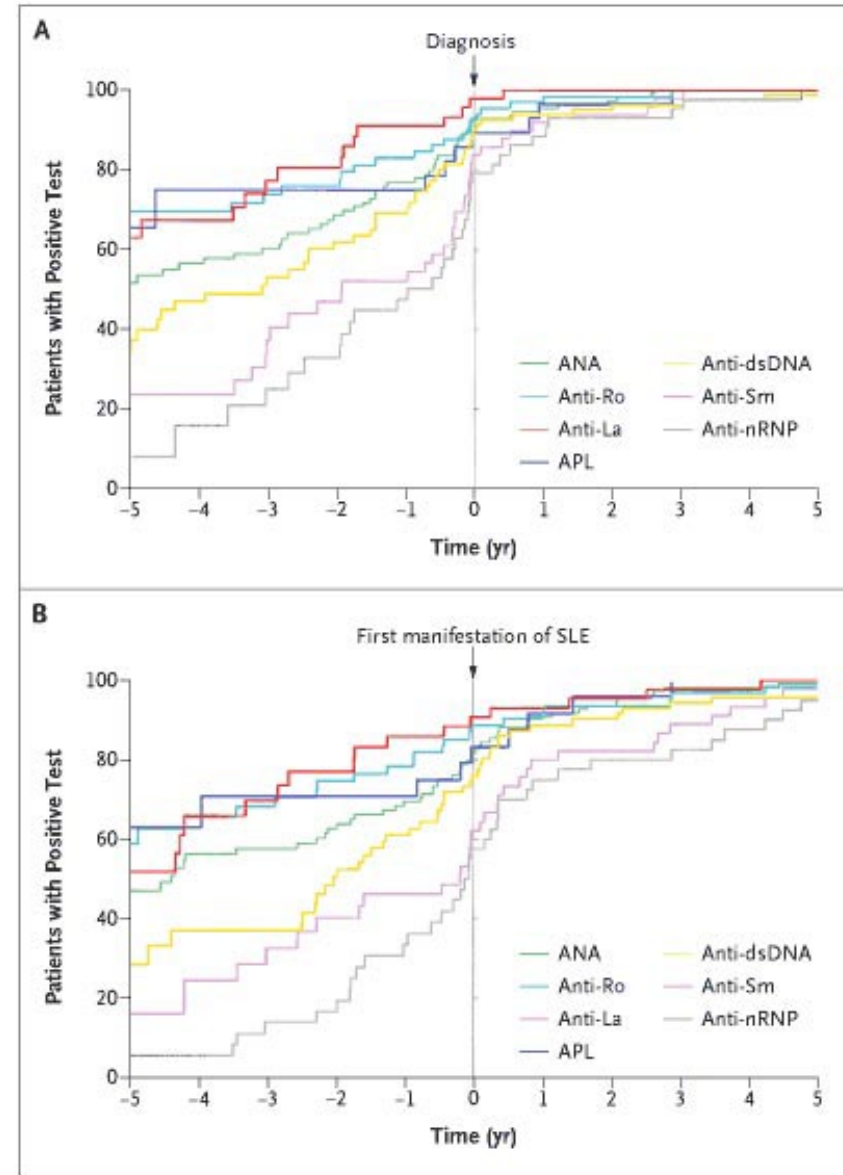
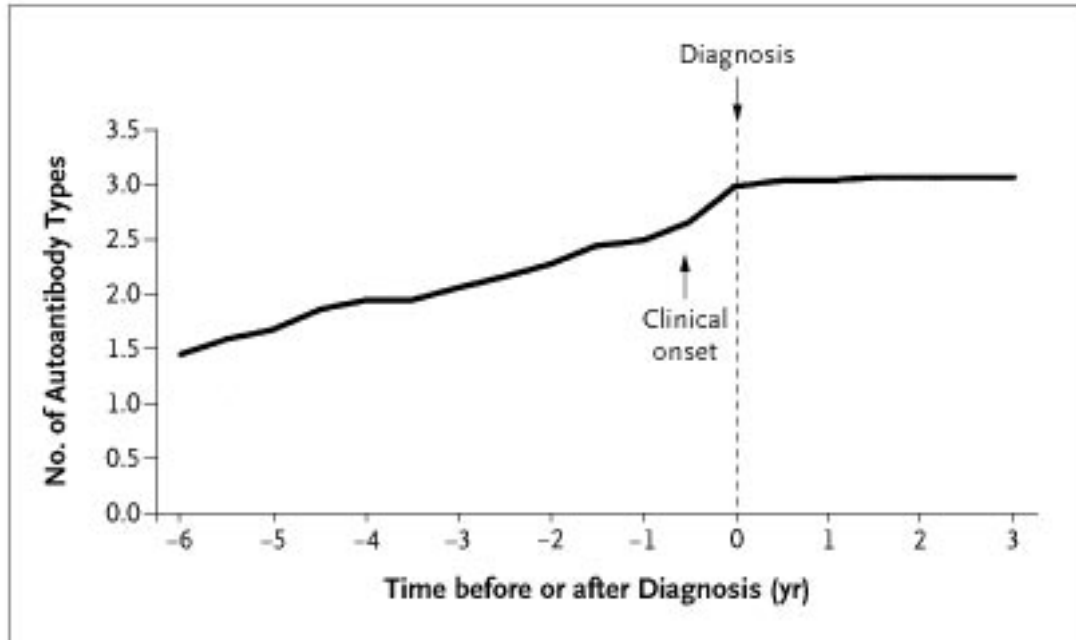


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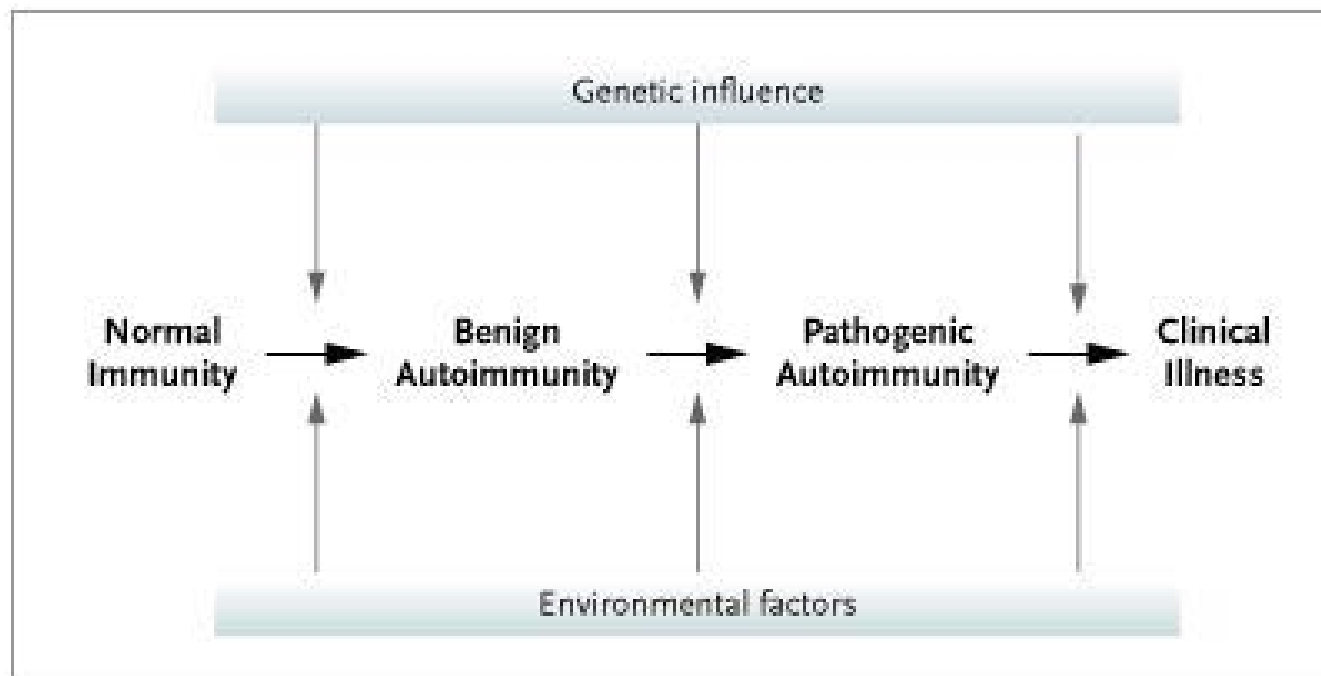


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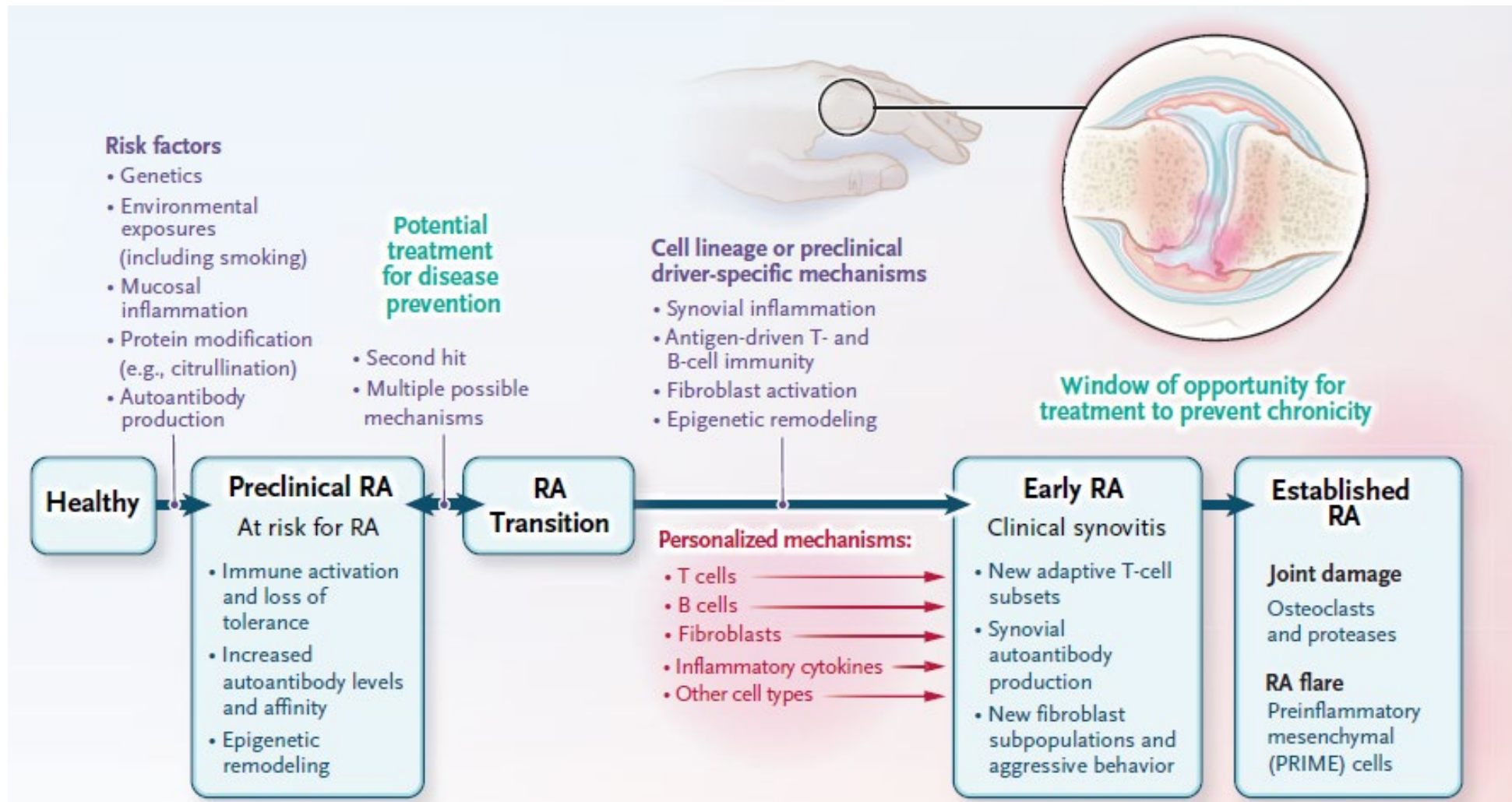
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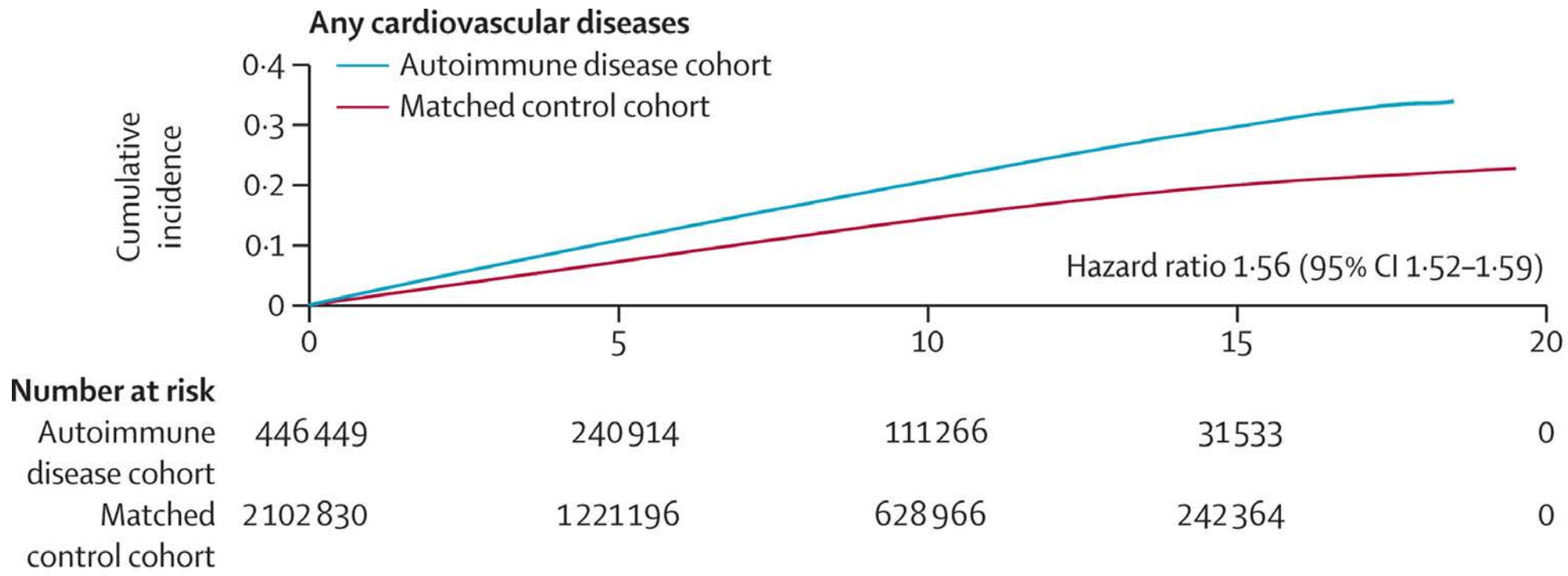
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RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS



Autoimmune diseases and cardiovascular risk: a population-based study on 19 autoimmune diseases and 12 cardiovascular diseases in 22 million individuals in the UK

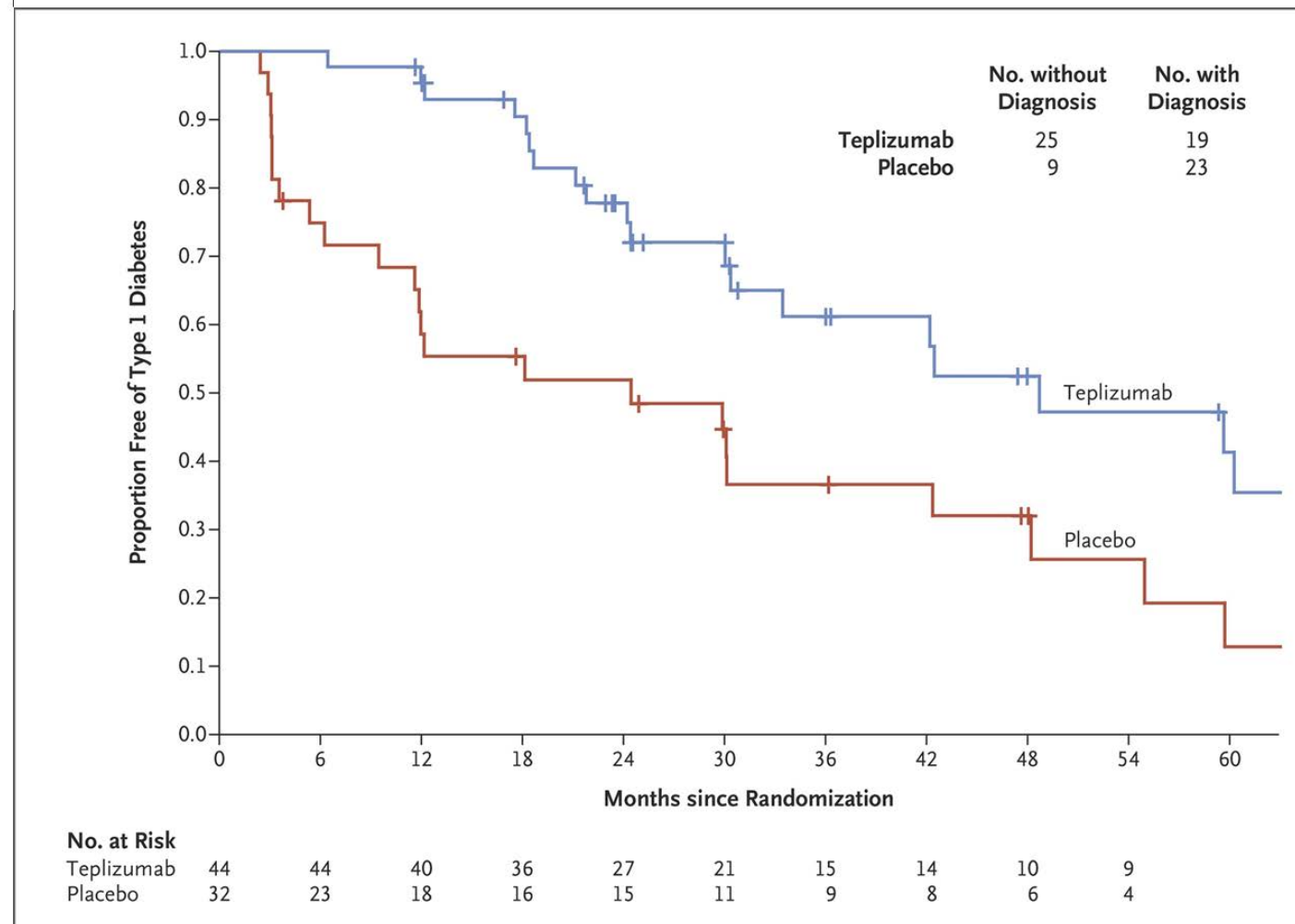
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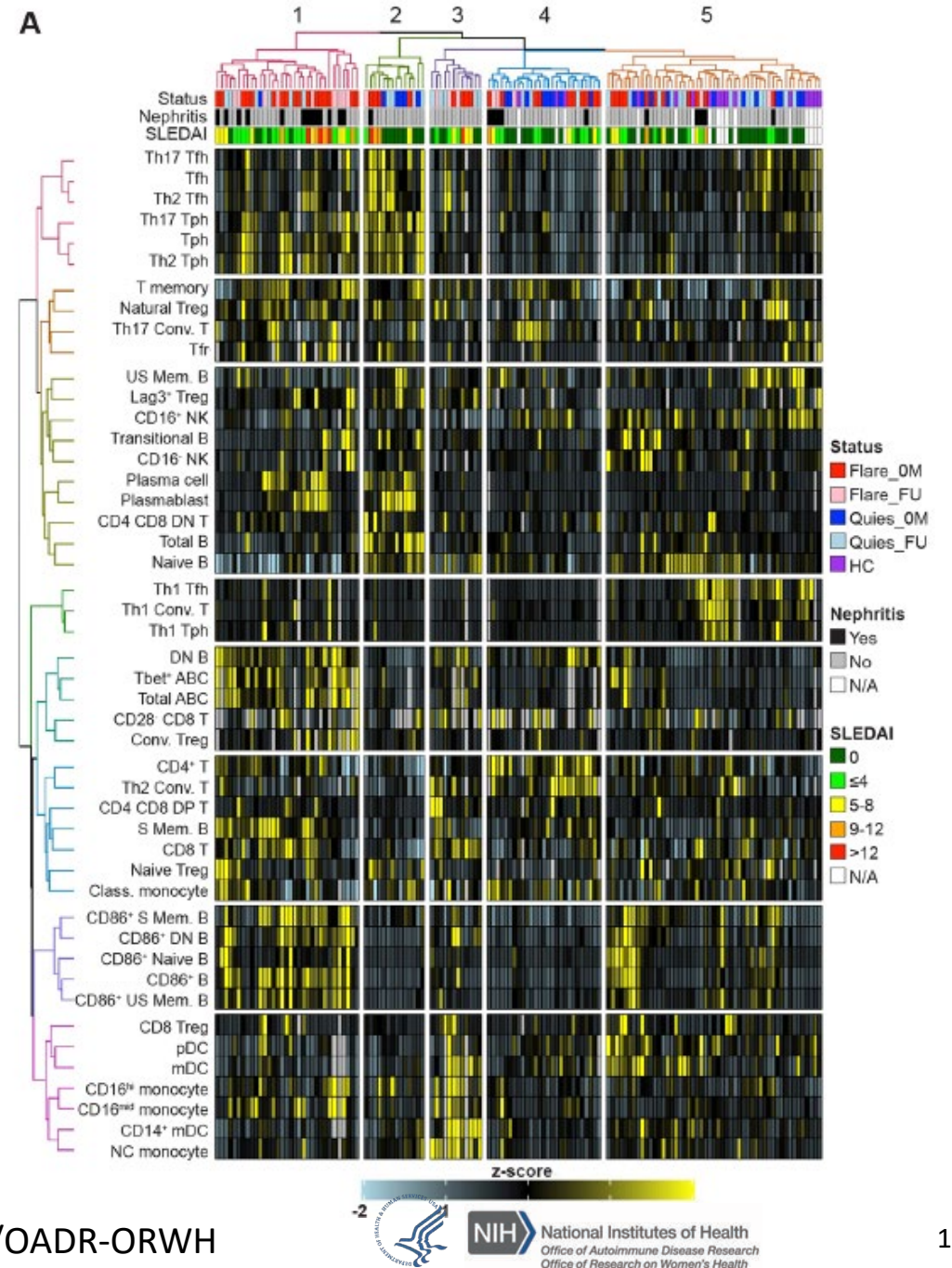
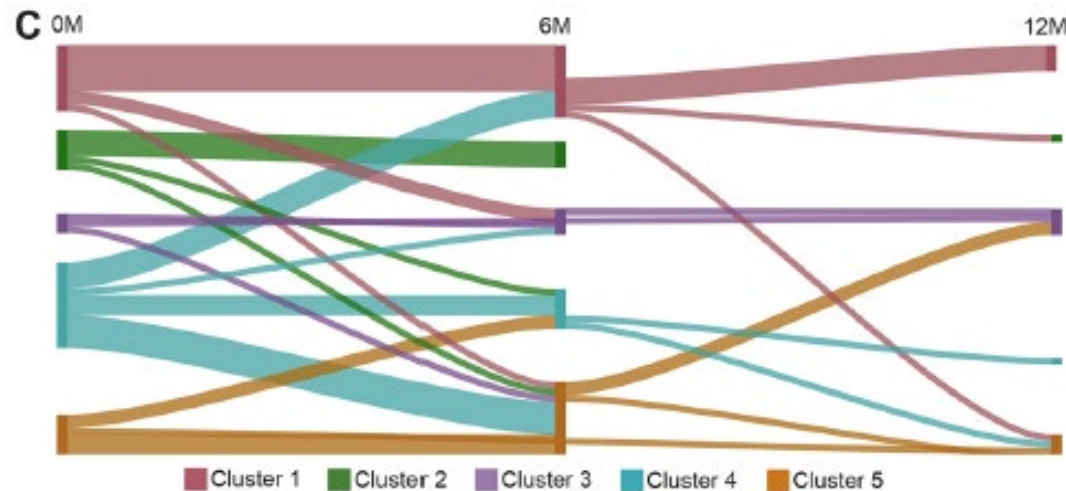
An Anti-CD3 Antibody, Teplizumab, in Relatives at Risk for Type 1 Diabetes

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Different Immunologic Profiles Are Associated With Distinct Clinical Phenotypes in Longitudinally Observed Patients With Systemic Lupus Erythematosus

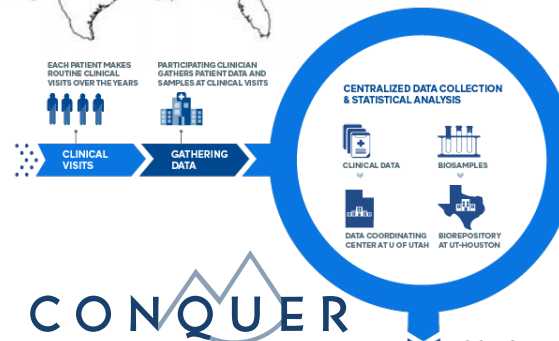
Kieran Manion,¹ Carolina Muñoz-Grajales,² Michael Kim,² Eshetu Atenafu,³ Zoha Faheem,² Dafna D. Gladman,⁴ Murray Urowitz,⁴ Zahi Touma,⁴ and Joan E. Wither⁴



MANY EXISTING REGISTRIES FOR AUTOIMMUNE RESEARCH



RISE Data Process



HEALTH Study
Harnessing Epidemiology to Advance Lupus Treatment and Health

LUMEN Study
Lupus Midwest Network

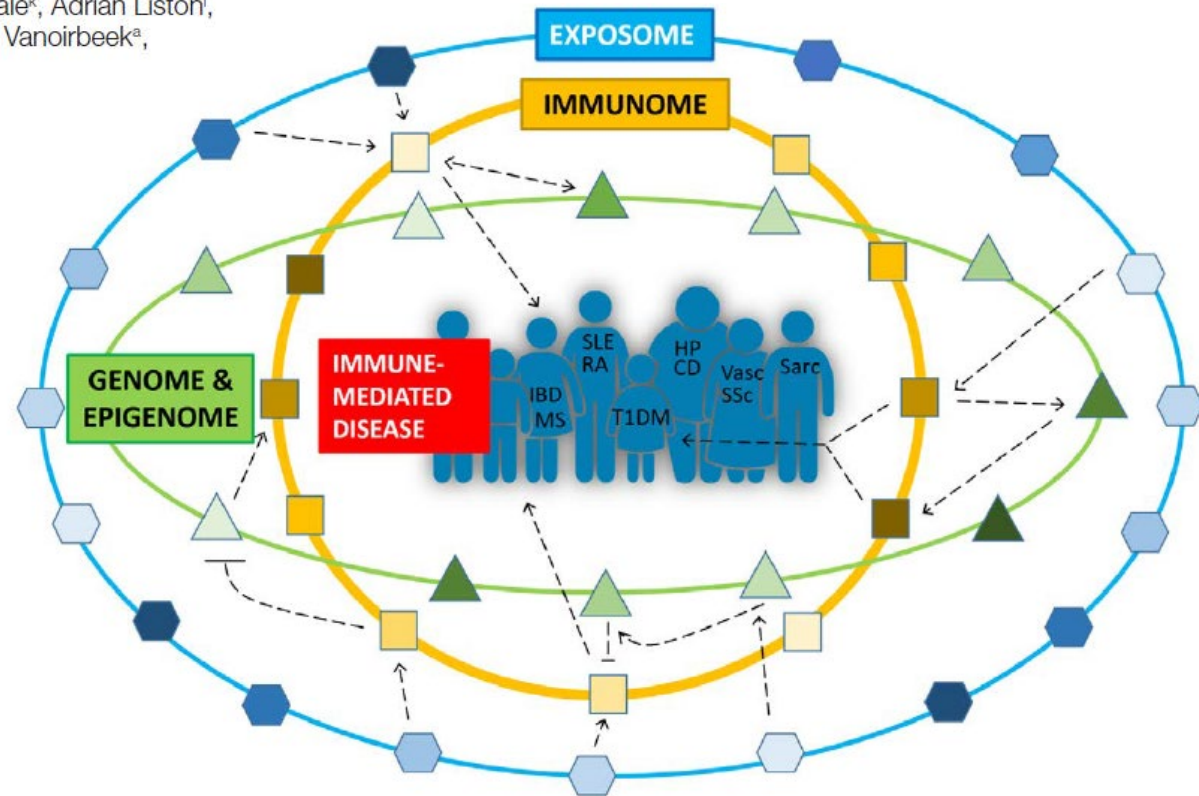


GOAL
Georgians Organized Against Lupus



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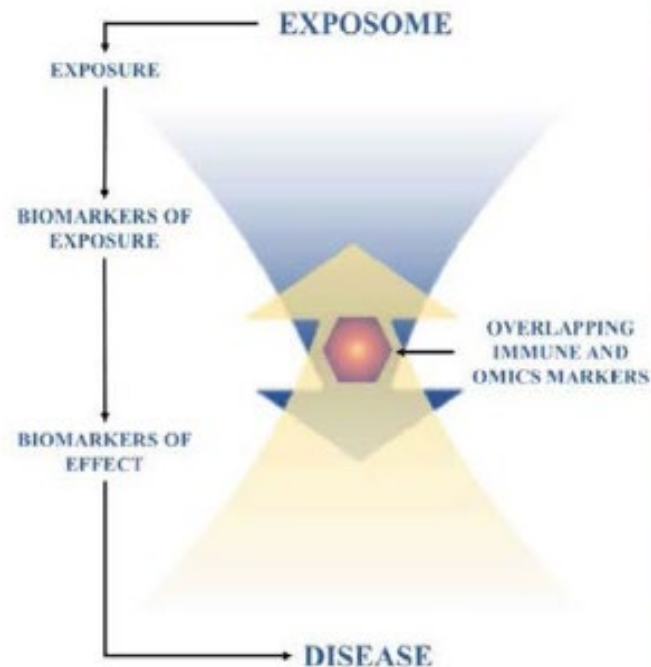
Table 1.

Overview of study populations included in the EXIMIOUS project

	Study Population	Time course			
		Prenatal	0–18 years	18–65 years	> 65 years
General population and birth cohorts	The LifeLines Cohort	■	■	■	■
	ENVIRonAGE	■		■	
	DOC*X	■		■	
	DOC*X Generation	■	■		
Occupational	Waste workers		■	■	
	Park workers		■	■	
	Workers exposed to mineral dust and organic solvents		■	■	
Disease	Sarcoidosis			■	■
	Hypersensitivity pneumonitis			■	■
	Systemic Sclerosis			■	■
	Systemic Lupus Erythematosus Rheumatoid Arthritis			■	■

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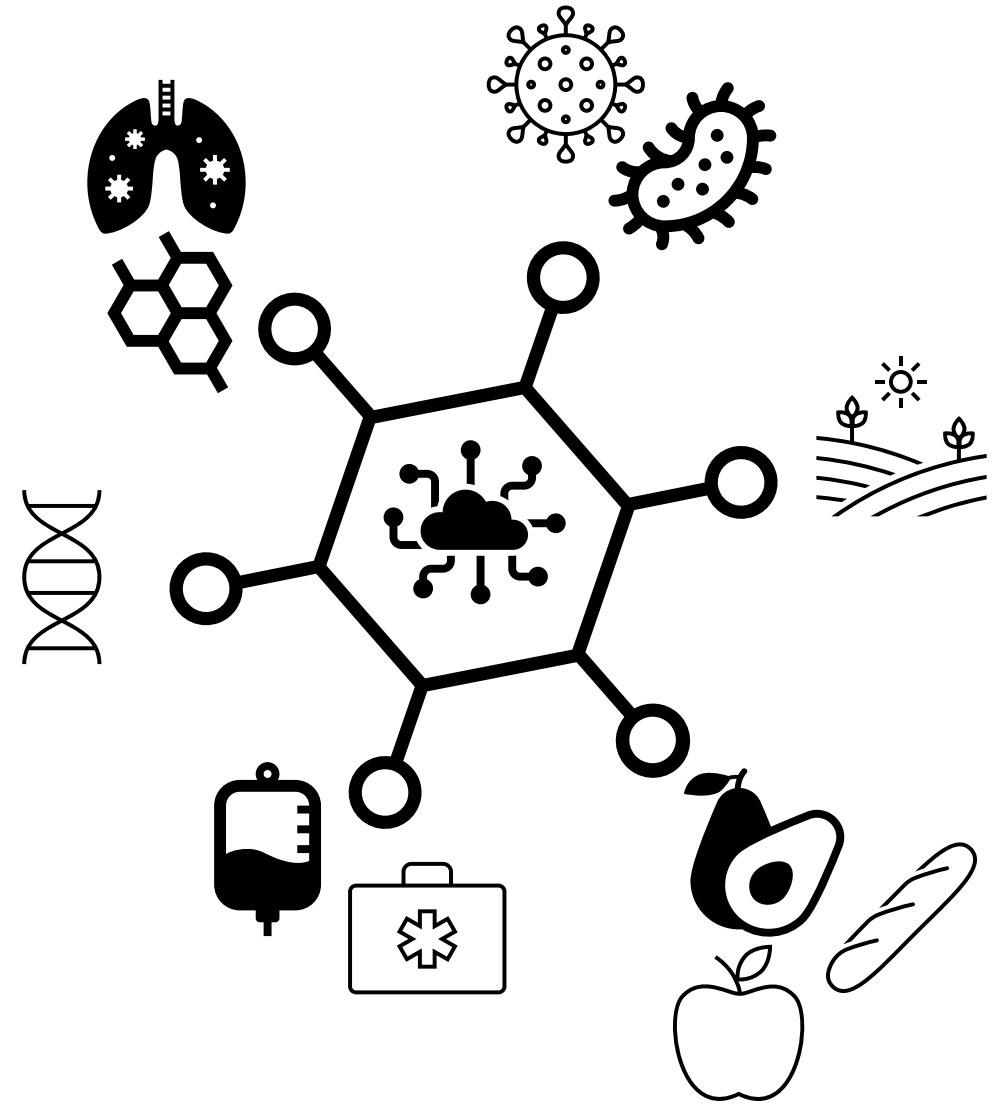
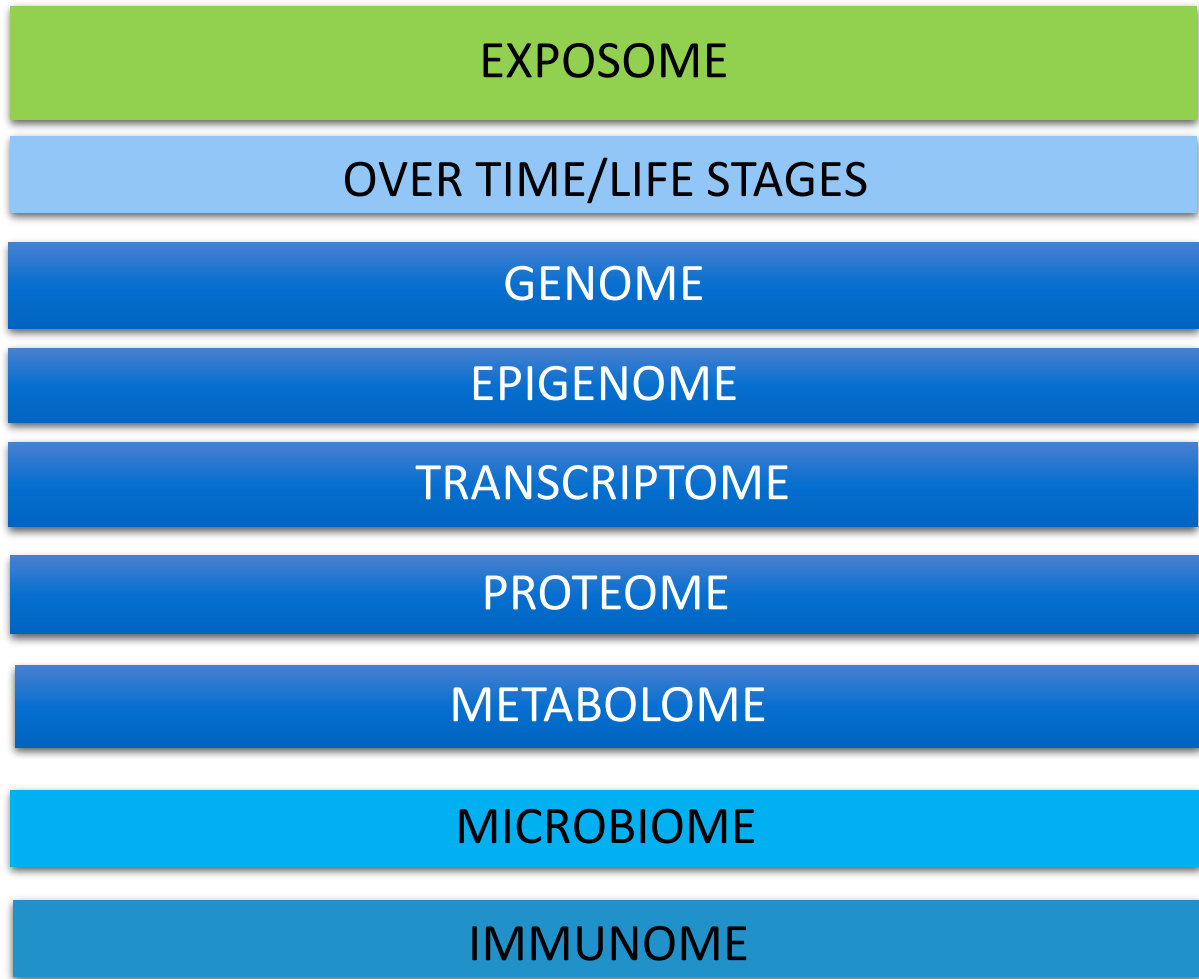


FIRST APPROACH: STARTING FROM THE EXPOSOME

We will begin with cohorts that cover the entire lifespan: general and birth cohorts (LifeLines, DOC*X and DOC*X Generation, ENVIRONAGE) and occupational cohorts (park workers, paint factory workers, miners, metallurgy workers, waste handlers and administrative workers).

SECOND APPROACH: STARTING FROM THE DISEASE

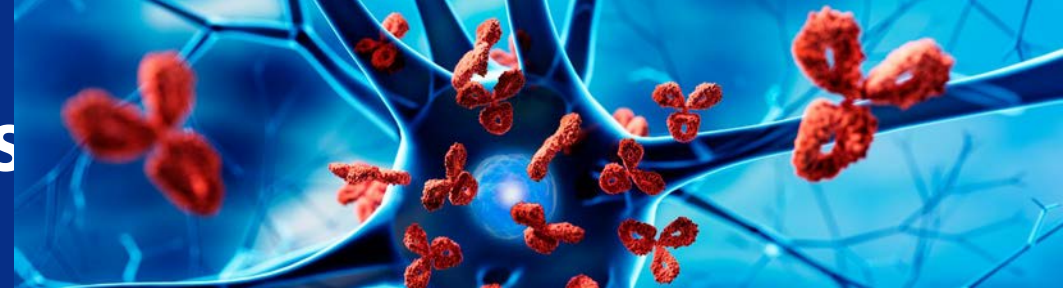
In this approach, we start from cohorts of people that have potentially exposure-related, immune-mediated diseases, like systemic sclerosis (SSc), systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), rheumatoid arthritis (RA), sarcoidosis and hypersensitivity pneumonitis (HP).





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Women bear a disproportionate burden of autoimmune disease compared to men. Aligned with content from the 2022 NASEM Report, Congress directed NIH to establish the OADR within ORWH.

P.L. 117-328 Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 directed OADR-ORWH to:

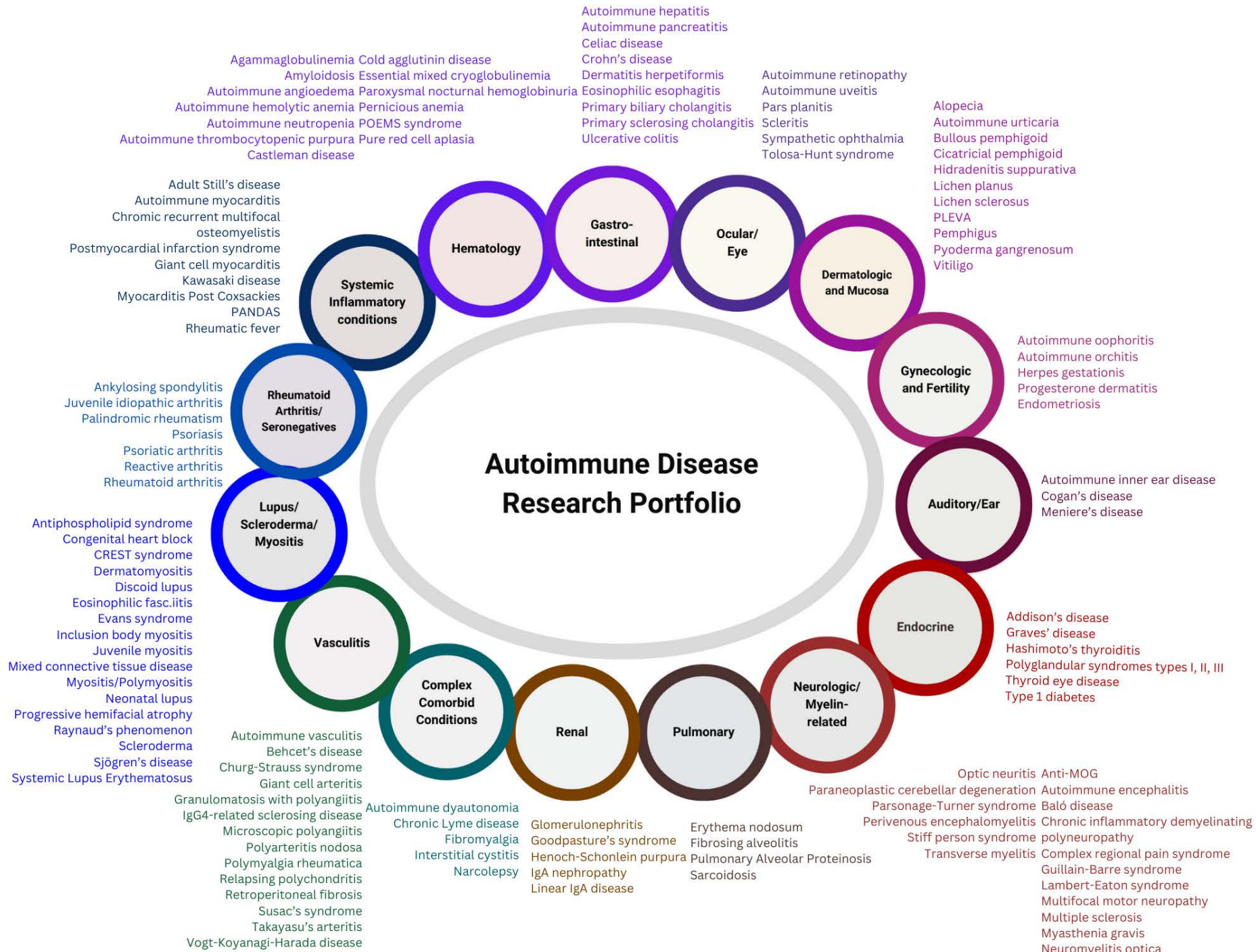
1. Coordinate development of multi-Institute and Center (IC) strategic research plan
2. Identify emerging areas of innovation and research opportunity
3. Coordinate and foster collaborative research across ICs
4. Annually evaluate NIH Autoimmune Disease Research (ADR) portfolio
5. Provide resources to support planning, collaboration, and innovation
6. Develop publicly accessible central repository for ADR

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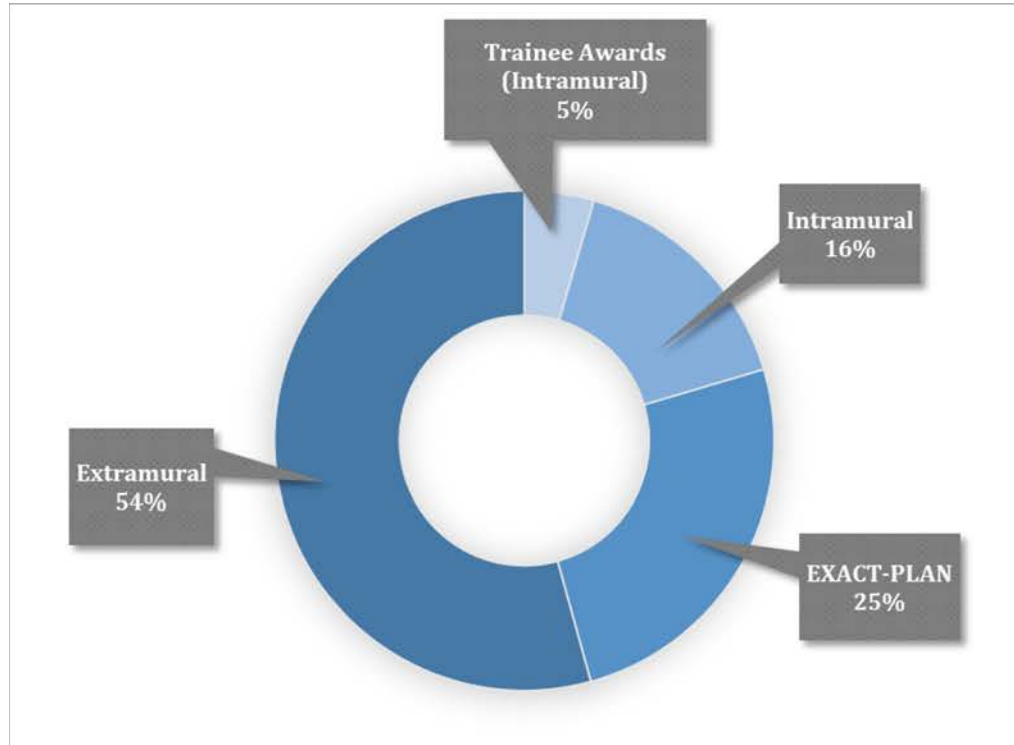
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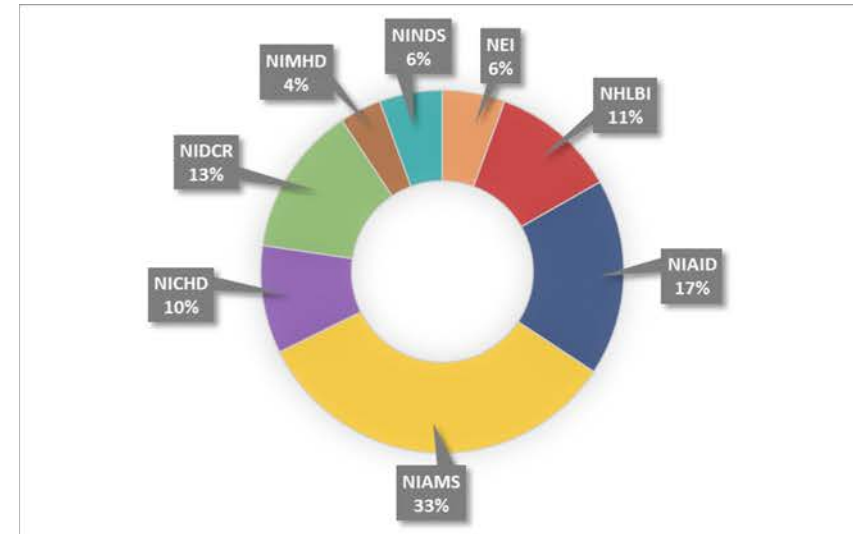


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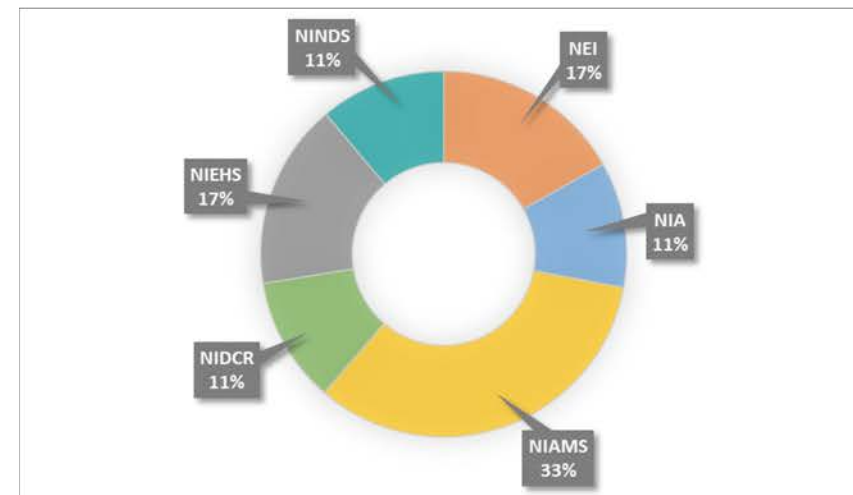
[a] OADR Total Funding by Activity



[b] OADR Extramural Funding by Institute/Center



[c] OADR Intramural Funding by Institute/Center



**Abbreviations: NEI = National Eye Institute; NHLBI = National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; NIAID = National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; NIAMS = National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases; NICHD = National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; NIDCR = National Institute on Dental and Craniofacial Research; NIMHD = National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities; NINDS = National Institute on Neurological Disorders and Stroke; NIEHS = National Institute of Environmental Health Science.*

EXACT PLAN

- NOT-OD-23-112
- Developed in collaboration with NIAMS and NIEHS, and multiple other ICOs
- Support the design, development, and implementation of future national, interdisciplinary, collaborative, team science research network to study to the interplay of genome, microbiome, exposome and immunome in the development of autoimmune disease



Meet the 2023 EXACT-PLAN Award Recipients



John Pearce
Ph.D.



Jill Norris
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Marc Natter
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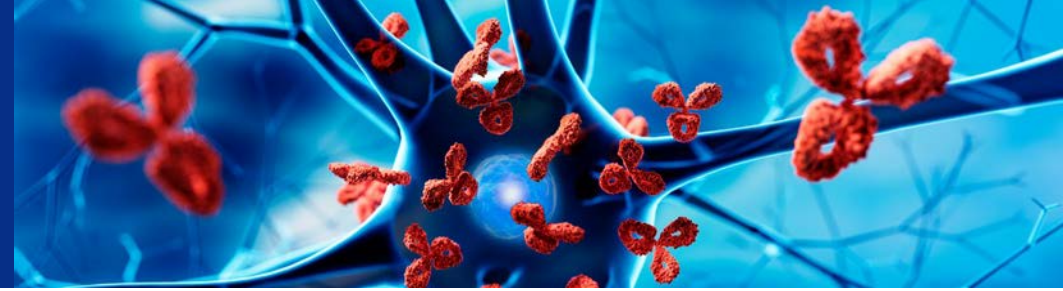


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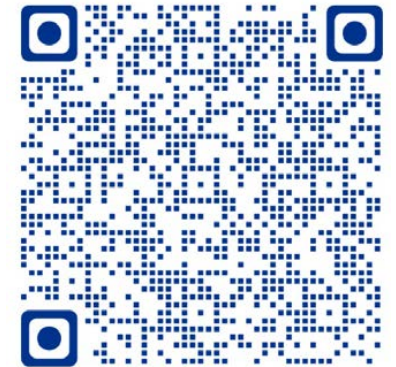
OADR-ORWH Science Talks

Xist-ing Data: Why Might Autoimmune Diseases Be More Common in Women?



Tuesday, April 23, 2024 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. EDT
Virtual Meeting

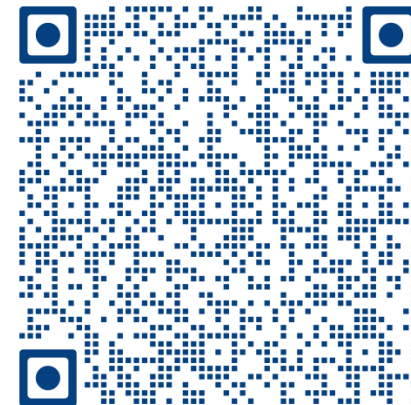
Time	Session
12:00 – 12:05 p.m.	Welcome & Opening Remarks Victoria Shanmugam, MBBS, MRCP, FACR, CCD, Director, NIH Office of Autoimmune Disease Research in the Office of Research on Women's Health
12:05 pm – 12:35 p.m.	X Chromosome Inactivation and Immune Responses Montserrat Anguera, Ph.D. , Associate Professor, Department of Biomedical Sciences, University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine
12:35 pm – 1:05 p.m.	Xist Ribonucleoproteins Promoting Autoimmunity in Women Diana Dou, Ph.D. , Postdoctoral Scholar, Stanford University
1:05 pm – 1:35 p.m.	Xist lncRNA as a Sex Specific Reservoir of TLR7 Ligands in Lupus Brendan Antiochos, M.D. , Assistant Professor of Medicine and Director Johns Hopkins Vasculitis Center, Division of Rheumatology at Johns Hopkins Medicine
1:35 pm – 1:55 p.m.	Moderated Discussion: Dr. Marie Mancini, NIAMS; Dr. Stacey Ferguson, NIAID Drs. Anguera, Dou, and Antiochos
1:55 pm – 2:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks



Save the Date: 8th Annual Vivian W. Pinn Symposium

- Wednesday, May 15, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm ET held virtually

Time	Session	Speaker
1:00–1:15 p.m.	Opening Remarks	Dr. Janine Clayton
1:15–2:00 p.m.	Keynote Address	Dr. Jane Buckner
2:00–2:45 p.m.	Inside Innovation: Intramural Impact at NIH	Dr. Laura Lewandowski Dr. Steven Holland Dr. Alison Motsinger-Reif and Ms. Jasmine Mack
2:45–3:00 p.m.	Break	
3:00–3:45 p.m.	Fireside Chat	Dr. David Fajgenbaum Dr. Vicki Shanmugam
3:45–4:30 p.m.	Capstone Speaker	Dr. Gail Kerr
4:30–4:45 p.m.	Remarks by Dr. Vivian Pinn	Dr. Vivian Pinn
4:45–5:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks	TBD



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