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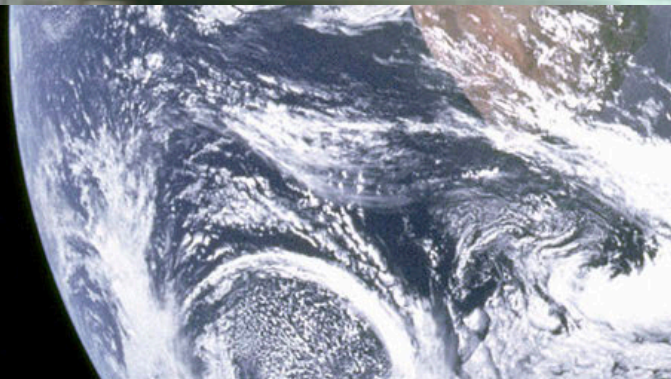
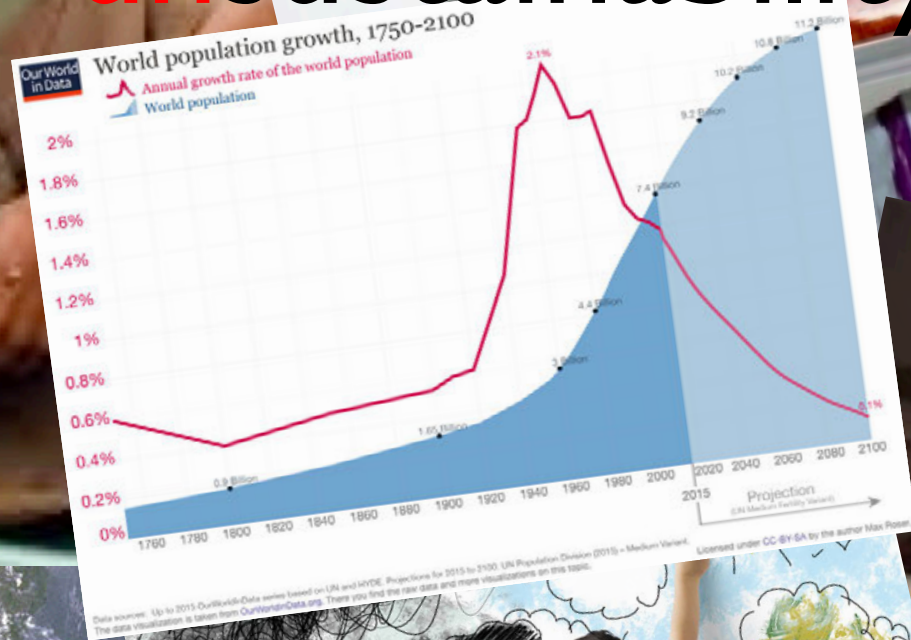
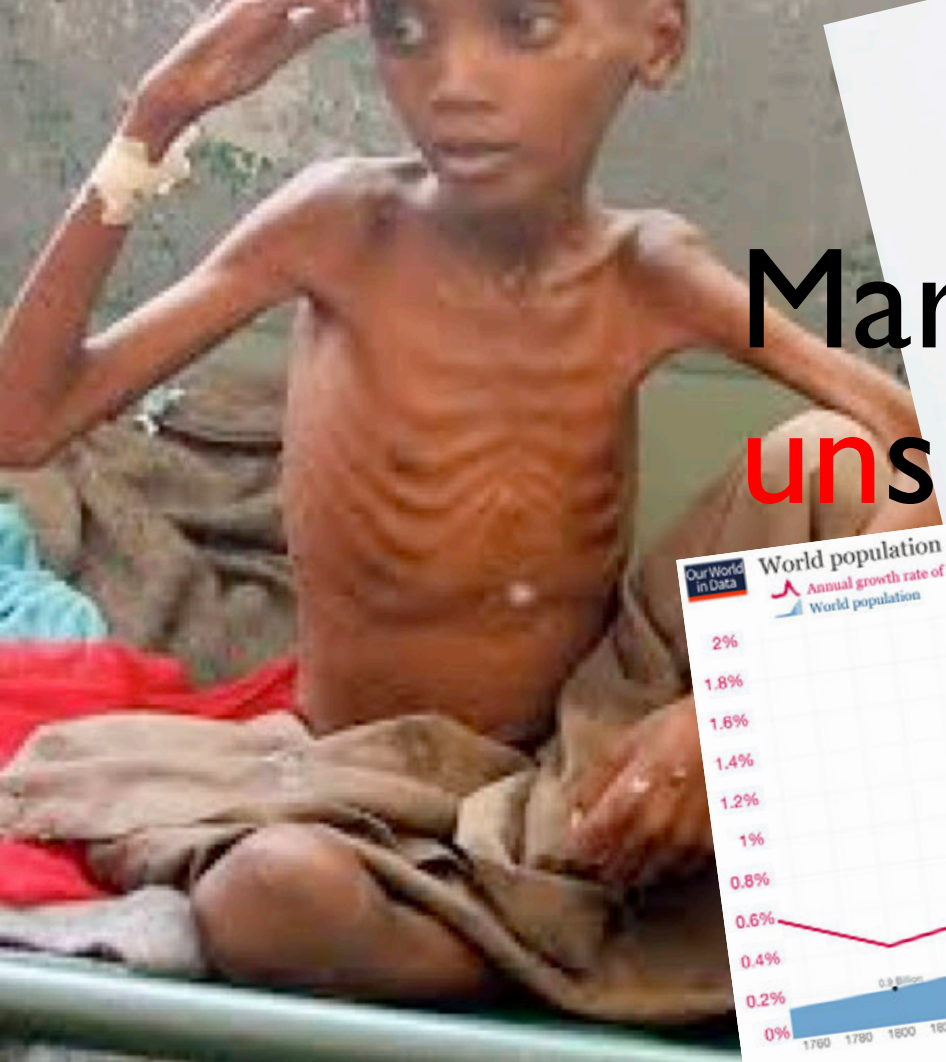


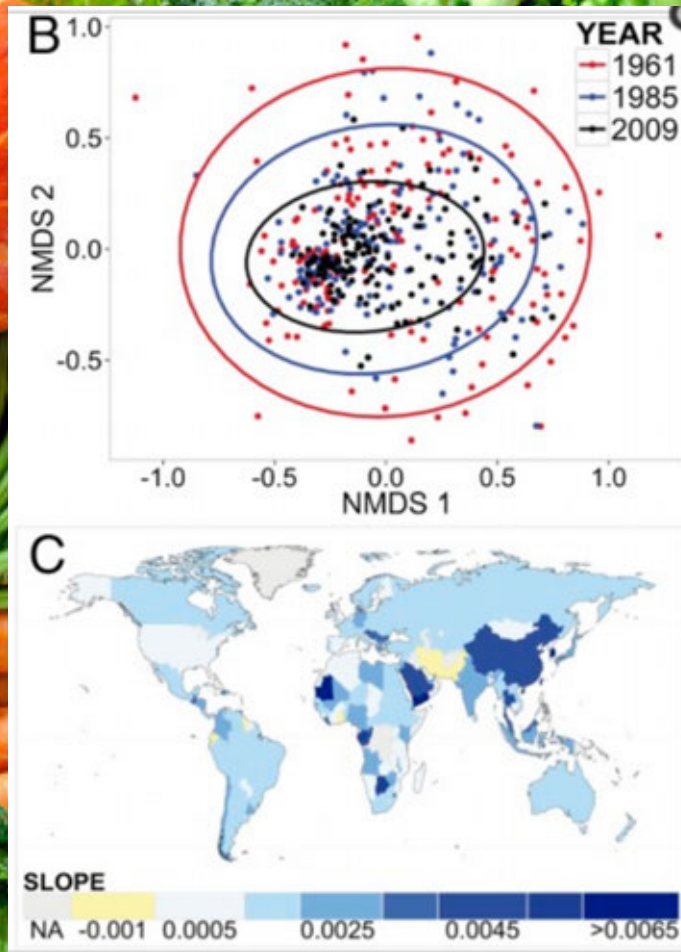
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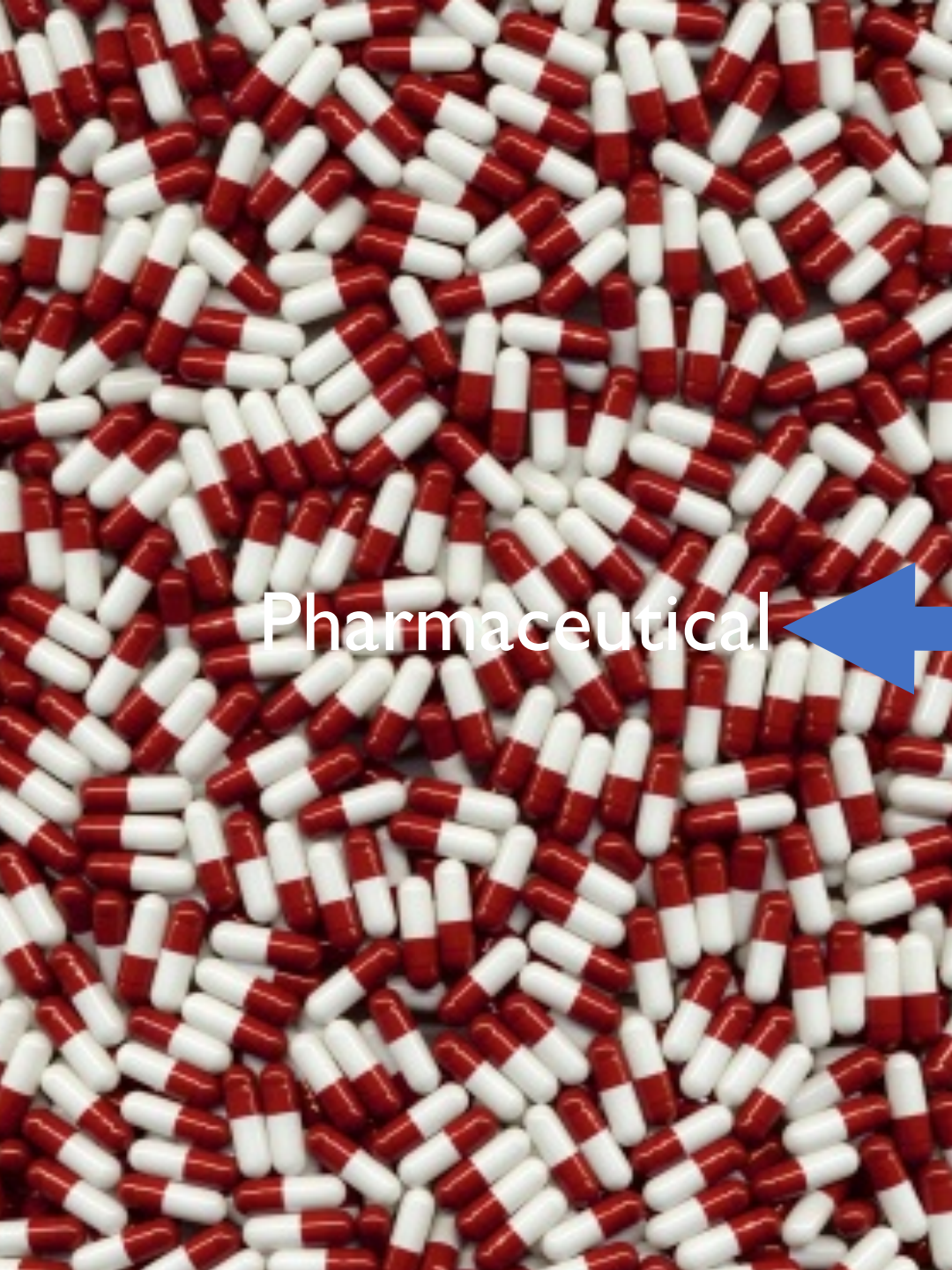


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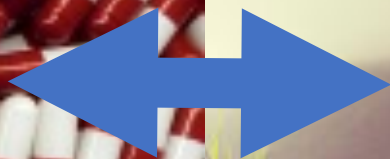




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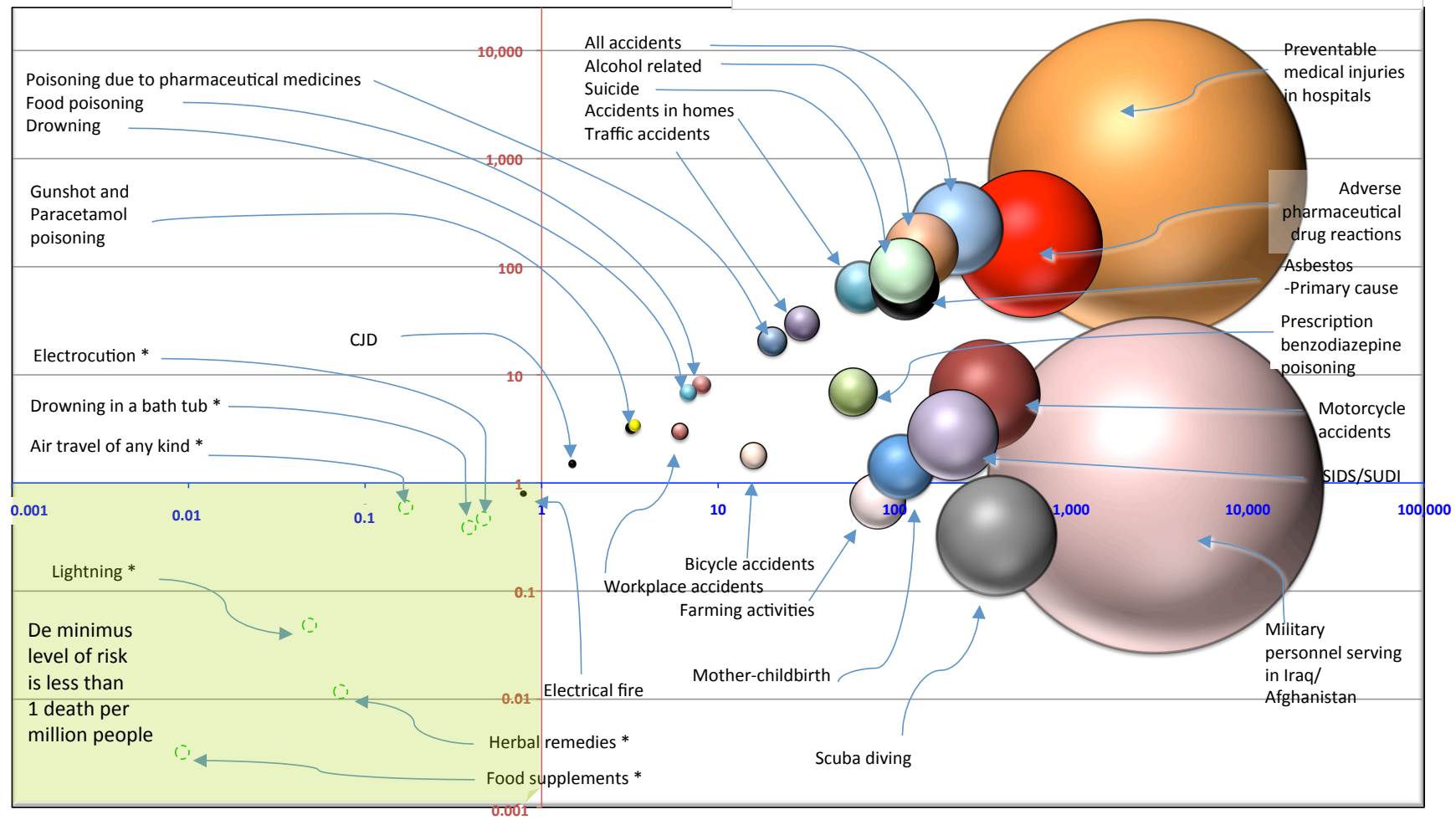


Non-pharmaceutical

Societal vs Individual Risk of Death in the United Kingdom

Societal risk is represented as the risk of death per million total population. Individual risk is represented as the risk of death per million exposed to that hazard. Bubble size represents the relative risk to an individual. By way of example, the bubbles representing deaths due to preventable medical injuries in hospitals and military personnel in Iraq/Afghanistan are a similar size because the risk of death to a patient in a UK hospital is similar to that for a soldier deployed to a war zone. Medical injury poses a greater risk to society simply because vastly more citizens are exposed to that risk and hence die. **Note: Log scales.**

Societal Risk: Fatalities per 1 million total population (Log scale)



* Note: Green dotted circles represent bubbles/dots too small to print

Sources: Variety of UK Government and NGO databases, reports, officials and expert advisers.
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Individual Risk: Fatalities per 1 million people exposed to risk (Log scale)

COMBINATION OF HEALTHY LIFESTYLE FACTORS ON THE RISK OF HYPERTENSION IN A LARGE COHORT OF HEALTHY ADULTS

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Objective: Hypertension is the most prevalent chronic disease worldwide. Lifestyle behaviors for its prevention and control are widely recommended by guidelines. Nevertheless, little is known about their synergistic impact on hypertension, particularly in the general population. The aim of the present study was to compute a score of healthy lifestyle index (HLI) comprising the main non-pharmacological measures usually recommended to reduce the risk of hypertension: normal weight, physical activity, limited alcohol and salt consumption, and a healthy diet like the DASH diet.

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the hazard ratios for hypertension were HR: 0.76 (95% CI, 0.67–0.85) for 1 factor,

0.47 (95% CI, 0.42–0.53) for 2 factors, 0.35 (95% CI, 0.30–0.41) for all healthy lifestyle factors (P-trend < 0.0001). Compared with adhering to 0, 1, 2 or 3 healthy lifestyles, adhering to all them was found associated with a reduction of the hypertension risk of half (HR = 0.55 (95% CI, 0.46–0.65).


Conclusions: In this large French cohort of healthy adults, adherence to healthy lifestyle factors was associated with a lower incidence of hypertension. In terms of public health, active promotion of healthy lifestyle factors at population level is key to combating the hypertension epidemic.

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Paleolithic Diet and Exercise Improve Metabolic and Cardiovascular Risk Factors

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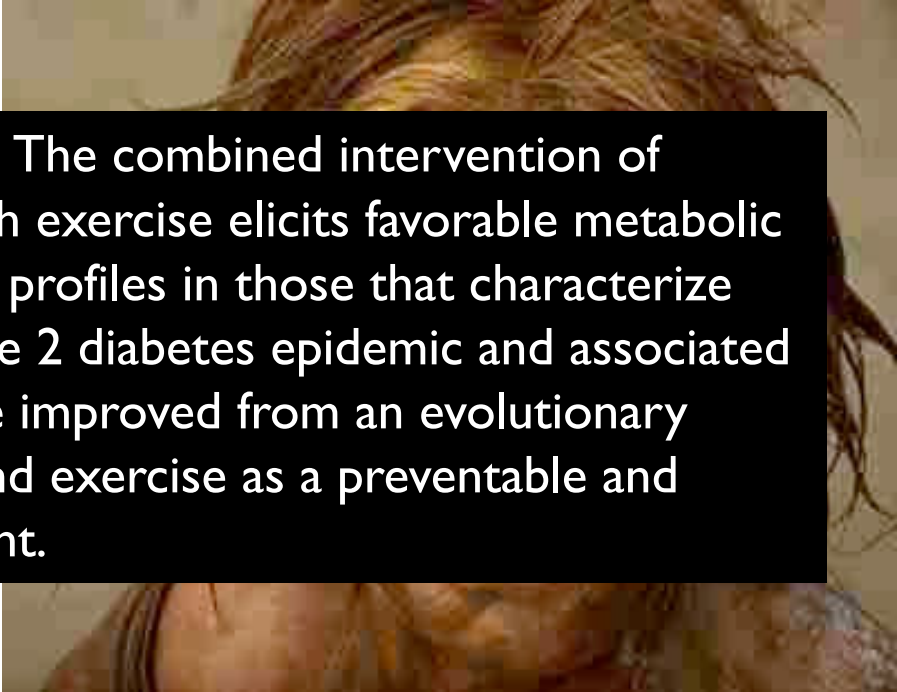
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Abstract

For nearly 6 million years, the ability to store dietary energy for later use served humans well during food scarce periods. In our current world of overconsumption; overweight and obesity are linked to more deaths worldwide than underweight, with 1.9 billion adults classified as overweight and 650 million obese (World Health Organization, 2014). This puts those individuals at an increased risk for chronic diseases, such as cardiovascular disease, metabolic syndrome, type 2 diabetes (T2D), nonalcoholic fatty liver disease, dementia, and some cancers. This trend has had devastating effects on human health, reductions in quality of life, and health system resources. One way to slow the pandemic of obesity and chronic disease is to look to our evolutionary past for clues of the changing behaviors contributing to the emergence of 'diseases of civilization'. One theory is that agricultural and technological advances have introduced pressures (i.e. diet and activity changes) quicker than our ability to respond, causing a mismatch between our systems and the environment. Over the past 10,000 years, we have had profound changes in feeding behavior which have left an imprint on the human genome.

PURPOSE The purpose of this study was to investigate the health effects of diet and exercise patterns that more closely resemble those of our evolutionary past in individuals characterized as having Metabolic Syndrome (MetS).

METHODS Subjects (N=4) were instructed to consume a diet consisting of unprocessed lean meat, fish, eggs, leafy and cruciferous vegetables, root vegetables, fruit, and nuts and devoid of cereal grains, dairy, beans, legumes, refined fats, bakery items, soft drinks, beer, extra salt and sugar. Foods such as nuts, dried fruit, potatoes (<1 medium-sized per day) and wine (<1 glass per day) were recommended in limited amounts. Carbohydrate restriction was set at <50gCHO with emphasis on fat intake for replacement. Subjects also participated in high intensity interval training (HIIT), which included a 3-min warm-up, 10 x 60 s cycling intervals interspersed with 60s of active recovery, and a 3-min cool-down for 4 total weeks.



CONCLUSION The combined intervention of paleolithic diet with exercise elicits favorable metabolic and cardiovascular profiles in those that characterize with MetS. The type 2 diabetes epidemic and associated risk factors may be improved from an evolutionary approach in diet and exercise as a preventable and reversible treatment.

- Background
- Experience
- Belief system
- Science





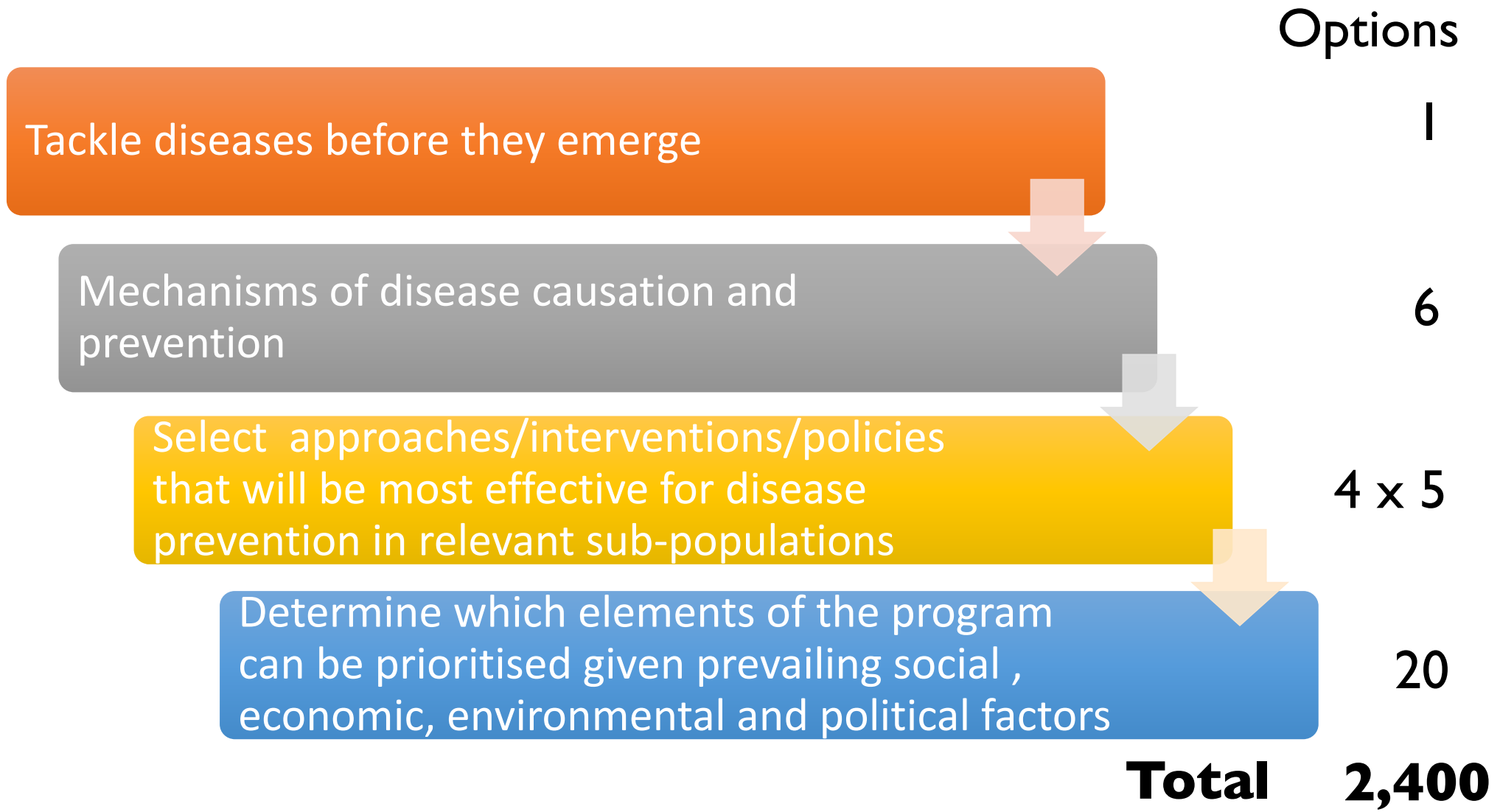
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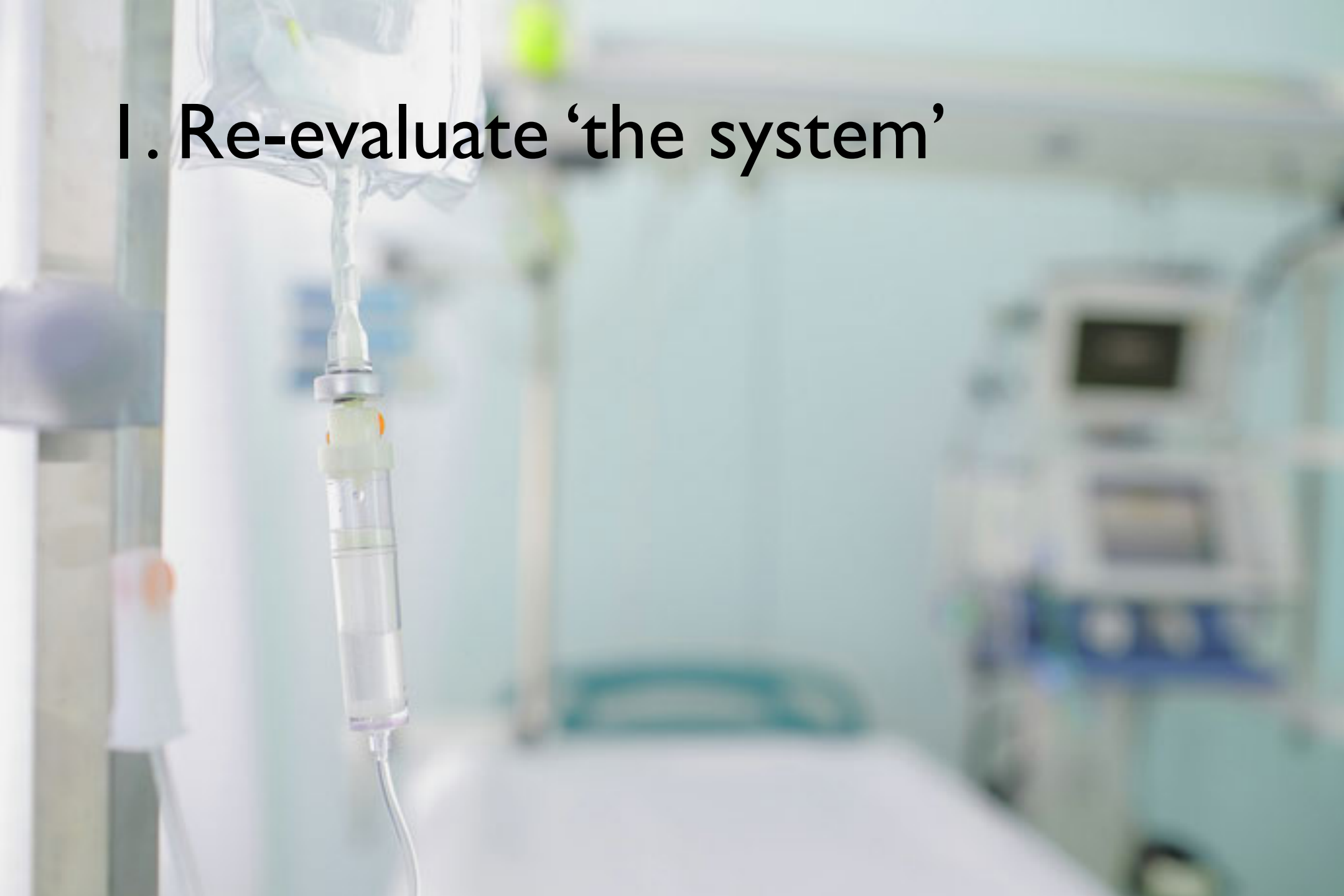
A scenario for one disease (e.g. T2D)



How do we reduce uncertainty over how best to create a sustainable system for managing and optimising human health?



I. Re-evaluate 'the system'



2. Re-evaluate 'health' and 'care'



3. Re-evaluate the concept of 'patient'

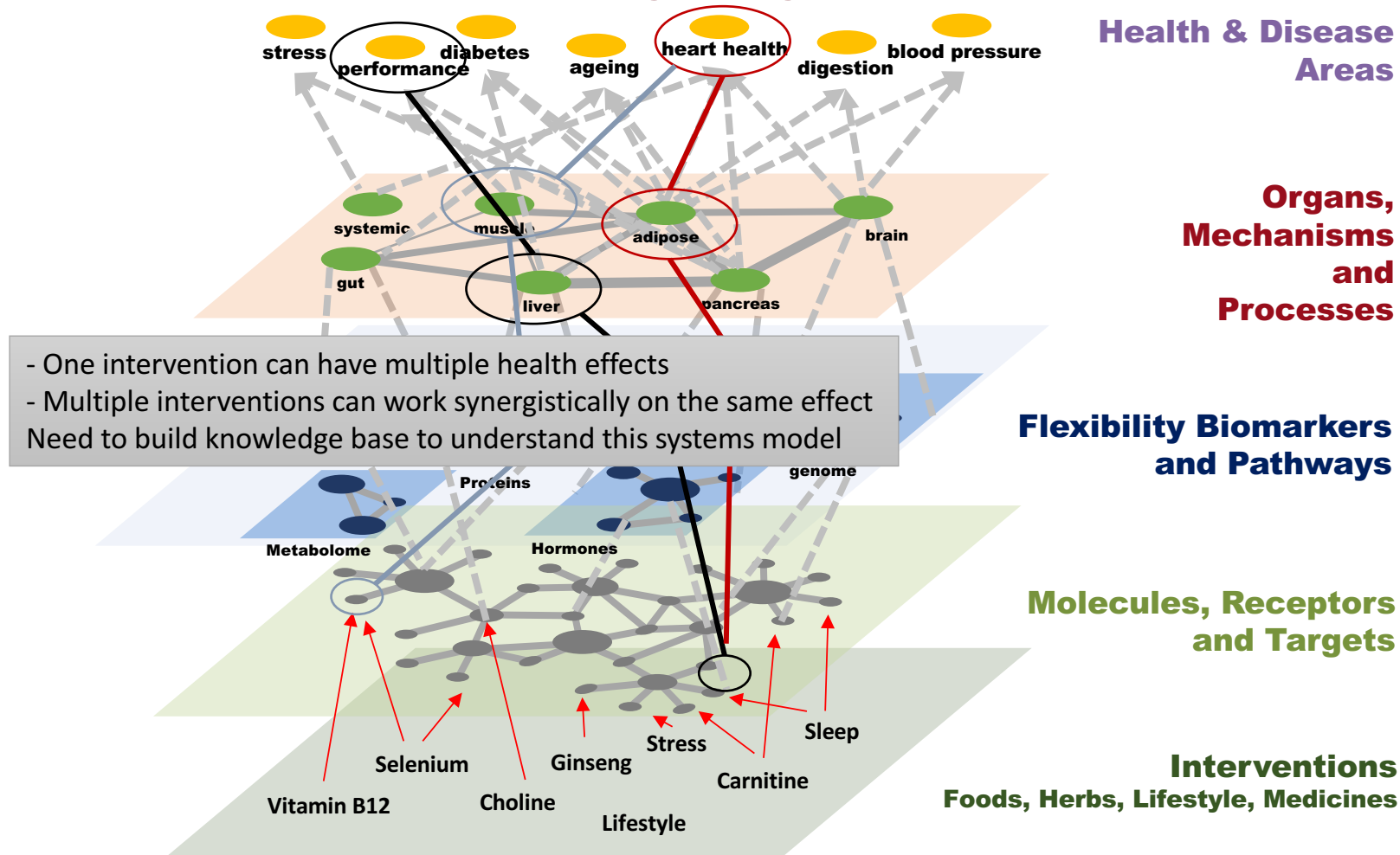


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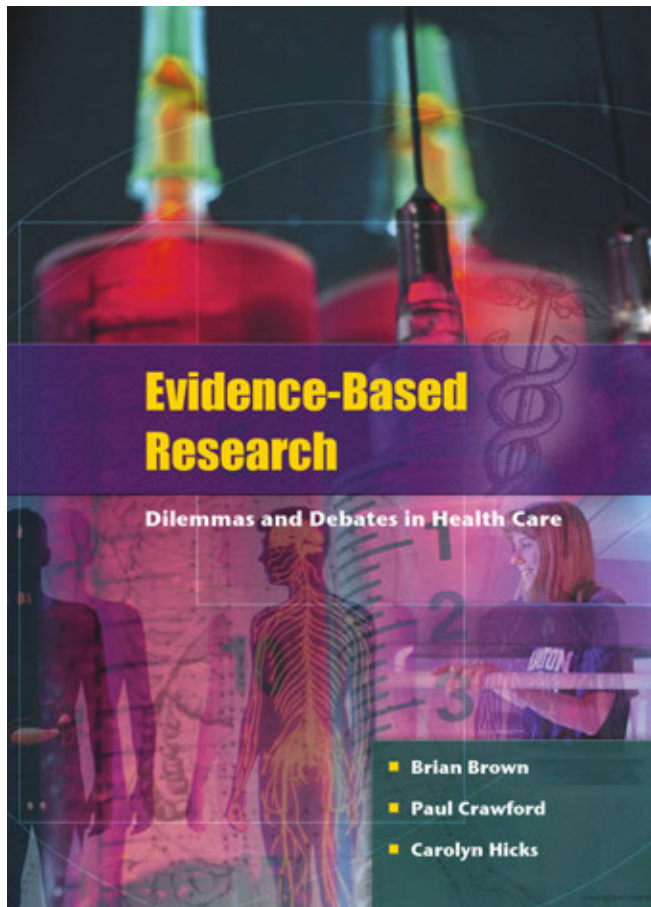
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Multi-layer Systems Model



Courtesy: van Ommen, B: TNO, Netherlands.

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Brian Brown, Paul Crawford, Carolyn Hicks
Open University Press, 2003

7. Re-evaluate our priorities and desired outcomes



8. Re-evaluate our society's respect for human dignity, freedom and democracy



I. Re-evaluate 'the system'



2. Resilience

‘care’

Resilience: A New Definition of Health for People and Communities

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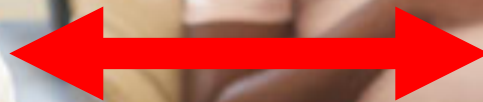
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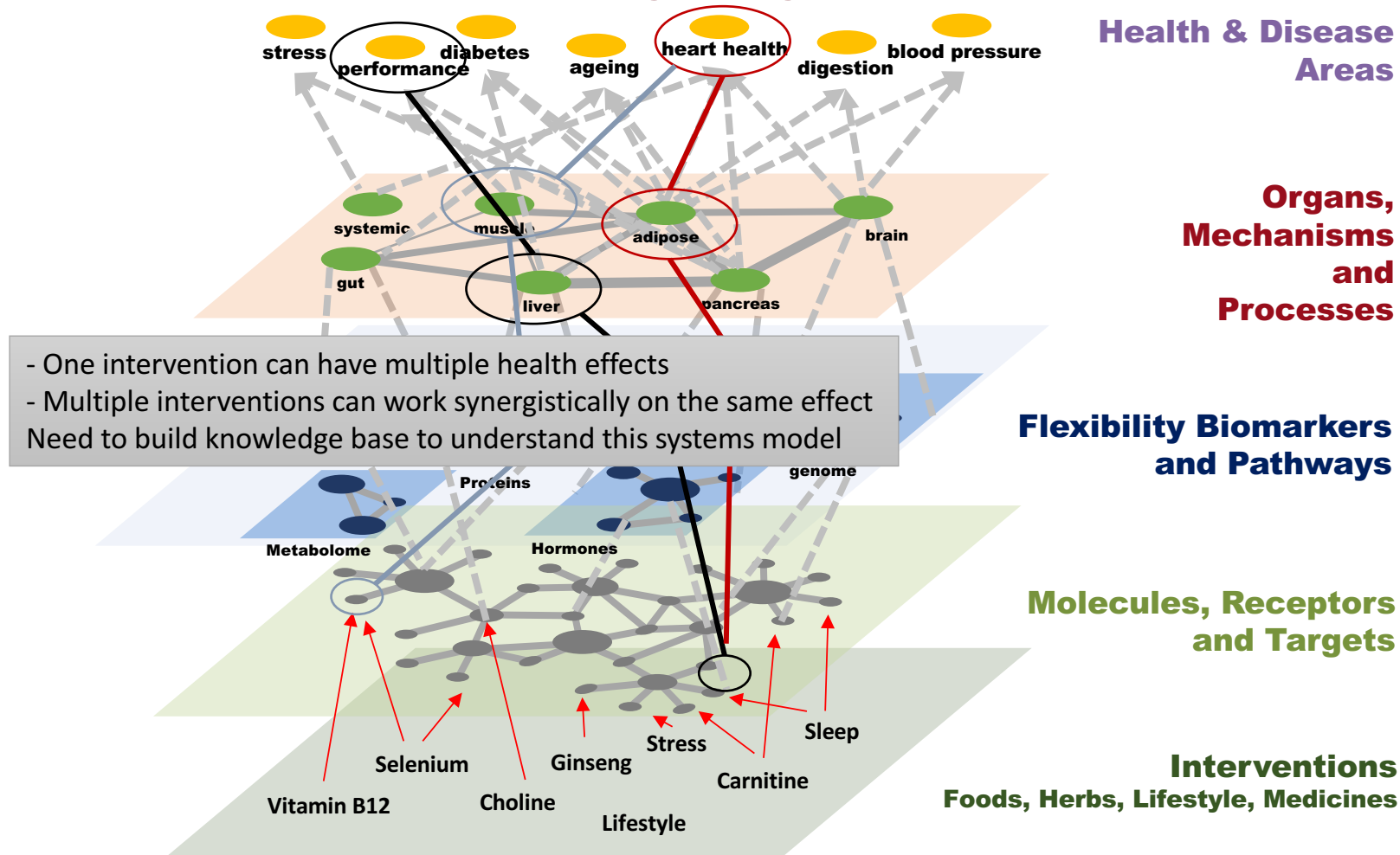


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Human metabolism: 135 + metabolic pathways, 7439 reactions, 2626 metabolites

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SEARCH: folate

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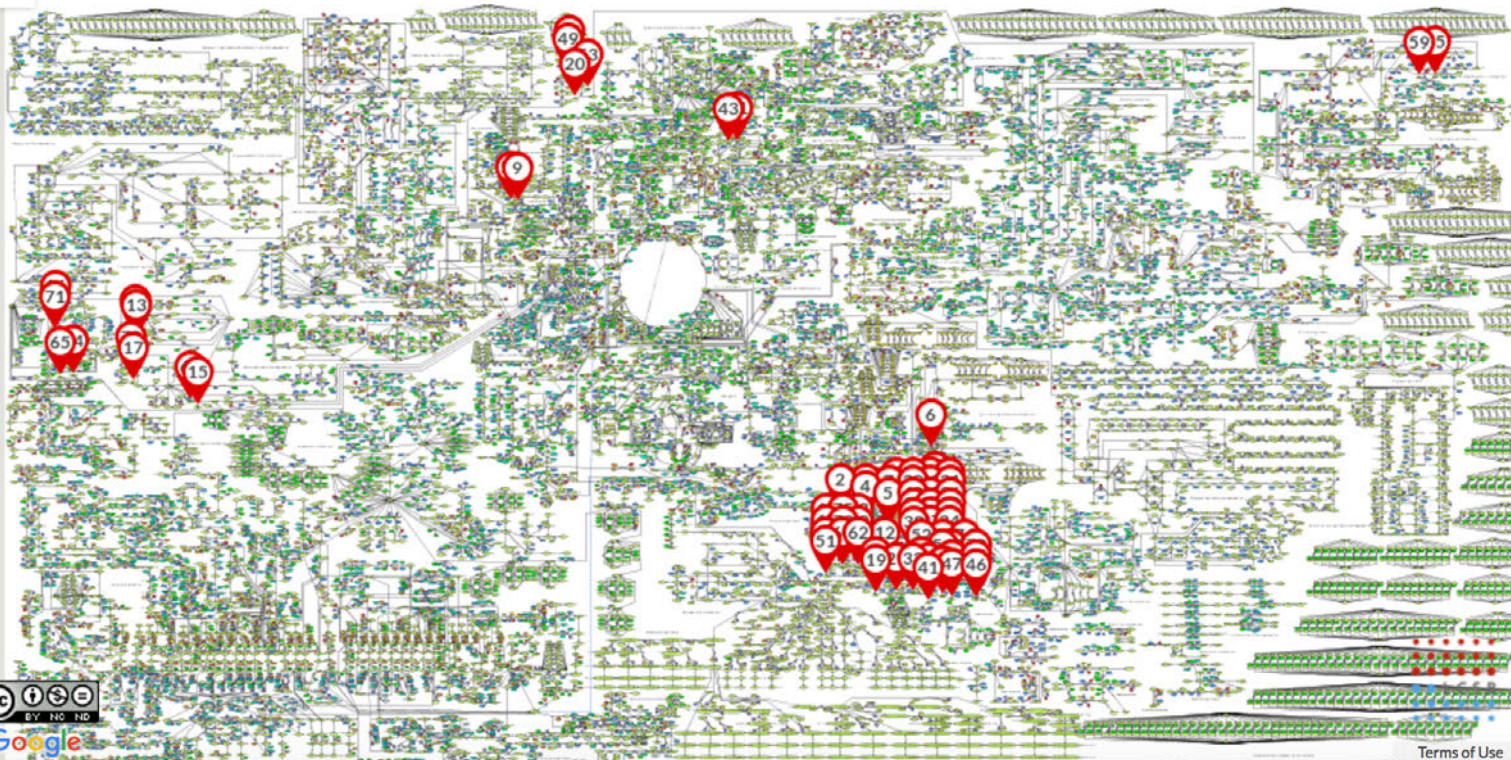
folate

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Abbreviation: fol

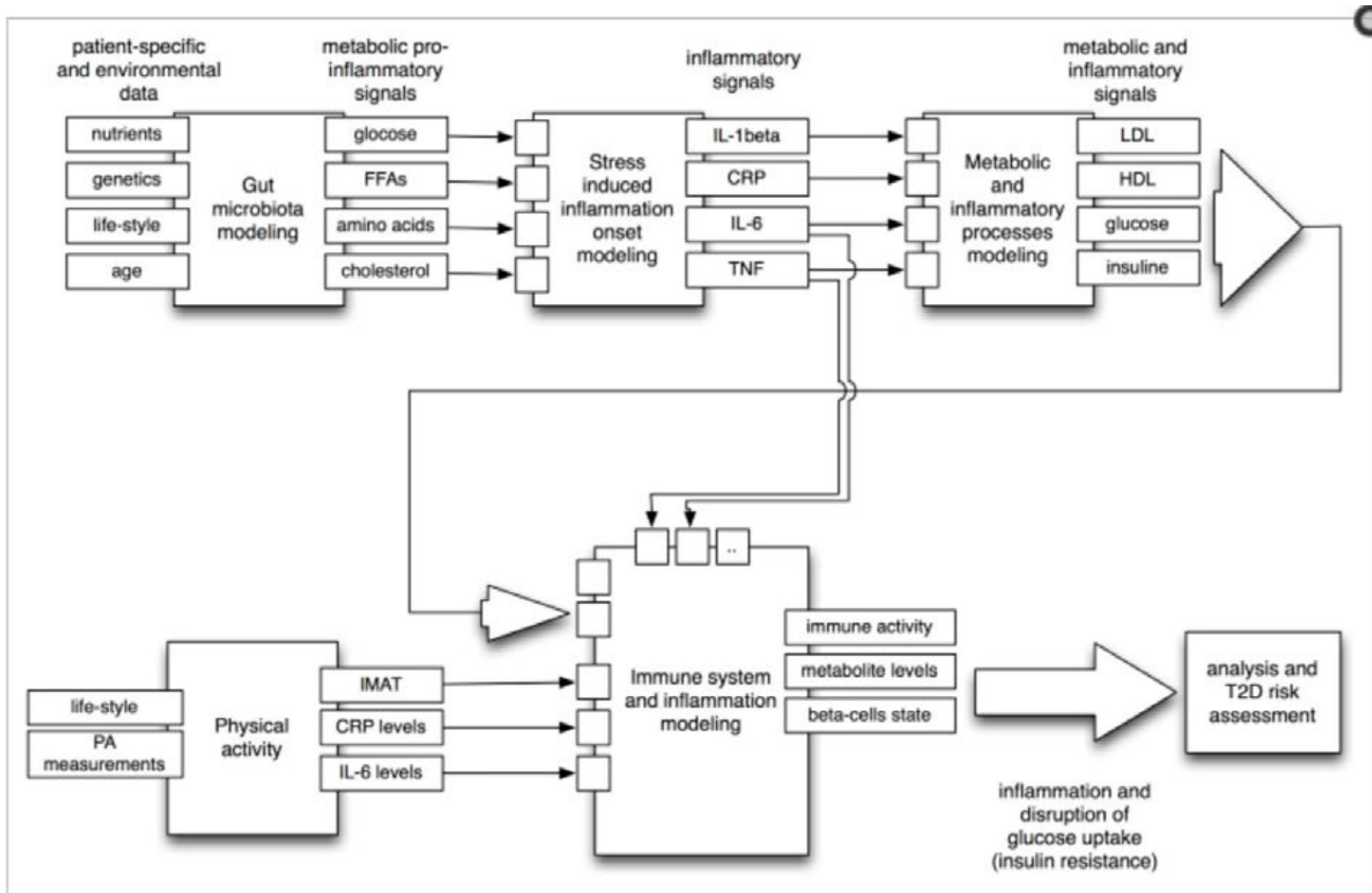


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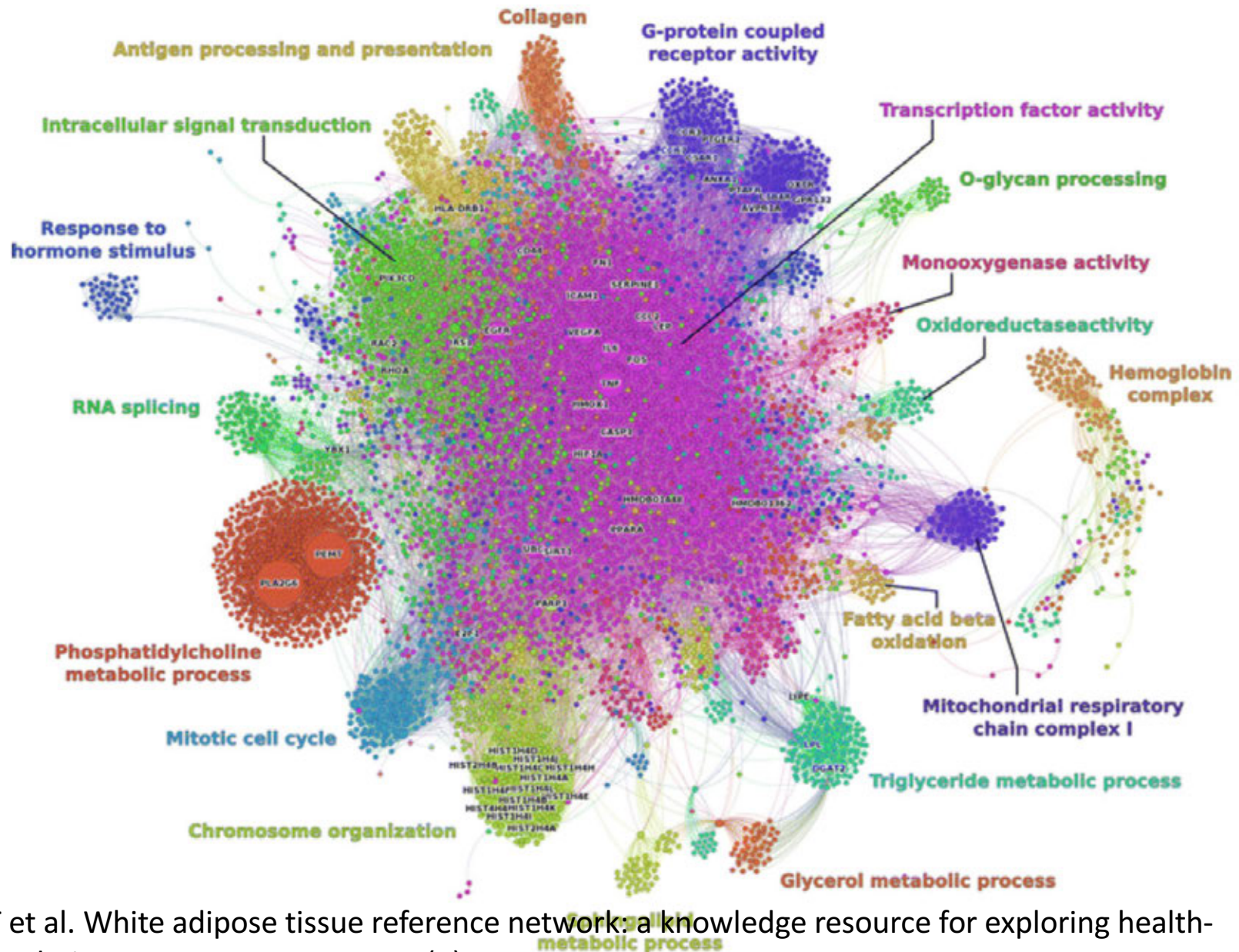
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Simplified systemic view of the models to be developed within MISSION-T2D and the interdependencies between them

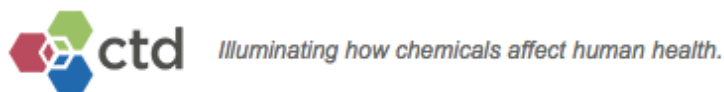


Visualization of the white adipose tissue health reference network with disease-associated gene sets



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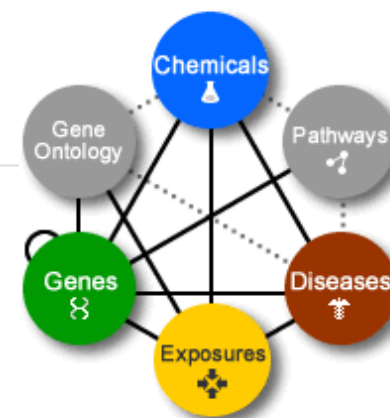
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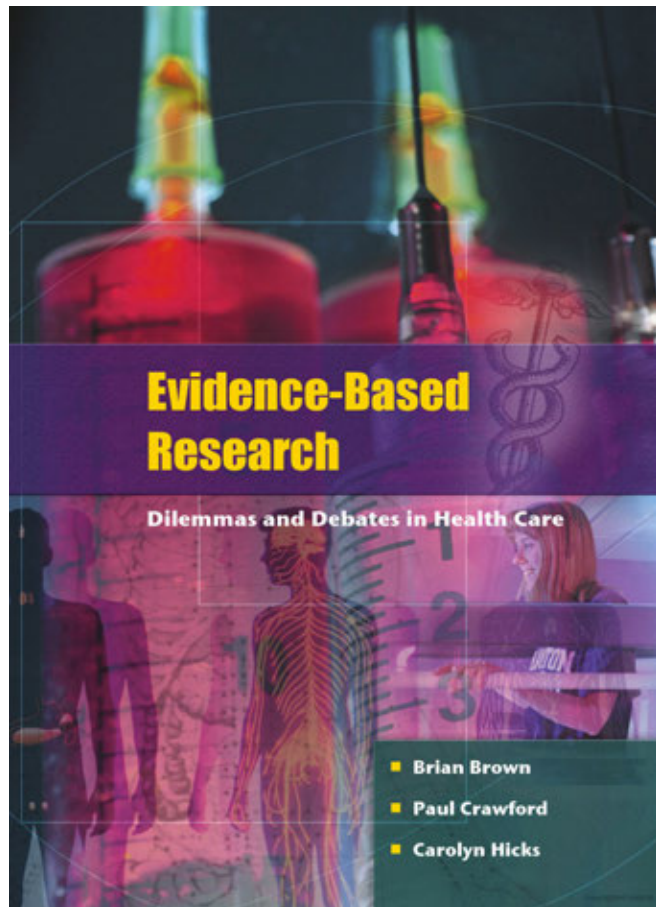
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| Amino acids, peptides, and proteins | CASP3, TNF, GSTP1, IL6, CXCL8, IL1B, MAPK3, ABCB1, MAPK1, HMOX1 | Glutathione/prostatic neoplasms [74 genes] Bleomycin/pulmonary fibrosis [35 genes] Cyclosporine/obesity [96] |
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6. Re-evaluate the scientific methods we use to select 'effectiveness' and healthcare decision-making



E.g.

- Case controls from SMAs vs conventional consultations
- Comparative effectiveness Research
- Big data

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Evidence-Based Medicine

A New Approach to Teaching the Practice of Medicine

Evidence-Based Medicine Working Group

A NEW paradigm for medical practice is emerging. Evidence-based medicine de-emphasizes intuition, unsystematic clinical experience, and pathophysiologic rationale as sufficient grounds for clinical decision making and stresses the examination of evidence from clinical research. Evidence-based medicine requires new skills of the physician, including efficient literature searching and the application of formal rules of evidence evaluating the clinical literature.

An important goal of our medical residency program is to educate physicians in the practice of evidence-based medicine. Strategies include a weekly, formal academic half-day for residents, devoted to learning the necessary skills; recruitment into teaching roles of physicians who practice evidence-based

dose of phenytoin intravenously and the drug is continued orally. A computed tomographic head scan is completely normal, and an electroencephalogram shows only nonspecific findings. The patient is very concerned about his risk of seizure recurrence. How might the resident proceed?

The Way of the Past

Faced with this situation as a clinical clerk, the resident was told by her senior resident (who was supported in his view by the attending physician) that the risk of seizure recurrence is high (though he could not put an exact number on it) and that was the information that should be conveyed to the patient. She now follows this path, emphasizing to the patient not to drive, to continue

year is between 48% and 51%, and at 3 years the risk is between 51% and 60%. After a seizure-free period of 18 months his risk of recurrence would likely be less than 20%. She conveys this information to the patient, along with a recommendation that he take his medication, see his family doctor regularly, and have a review of his need for medication if he remains seizure-free for 18 months. The patient leaves with a clear idea of his likely prognosis.

A PARADIGM SHIFT

Thomas Kuhn has described scientific paradigms as ways of looking at the world that define both the problems that can legitimately be addressed and the range of admissible evidence that may bear on their solution.* When defects in

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We should not dismiss that there are other considerations to contemplate in today's "modern medicine," including the atavistic-sounding patient-centric approach and the use of comparative effectiveness research to guide therapy. The founders of evidence-based medicine, as physicians, comprehended this from the start and appreciated that an evidence foundation is just one component of an evidence-based, patient-centered, decision-making process. There was no intent to eradicate the art of medicine, but to amplify it.

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7. Re-evaluate our priorities and desired outcomes



8. Re-evaluating
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