

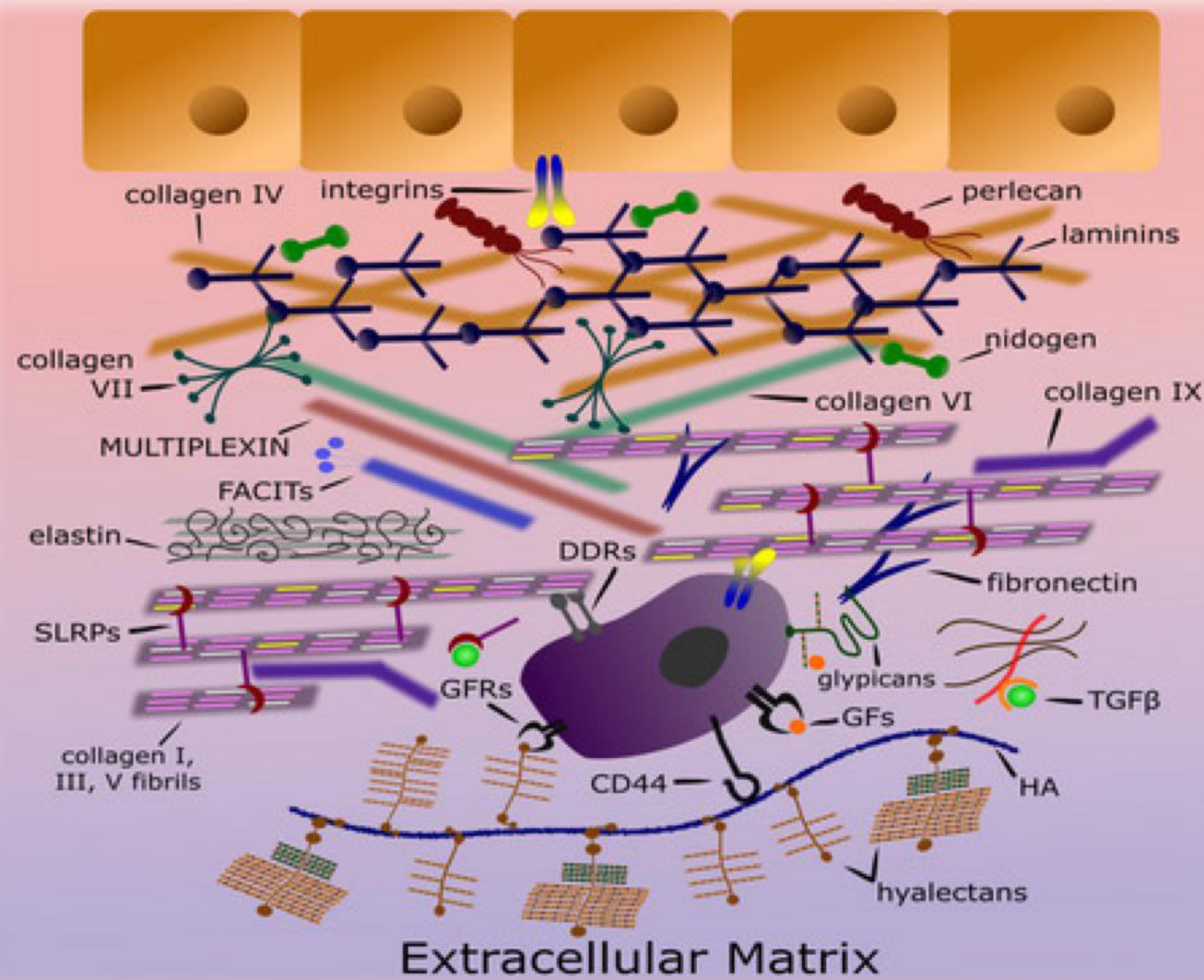


Diagnostics in Heritable Connective Tissue Diseases

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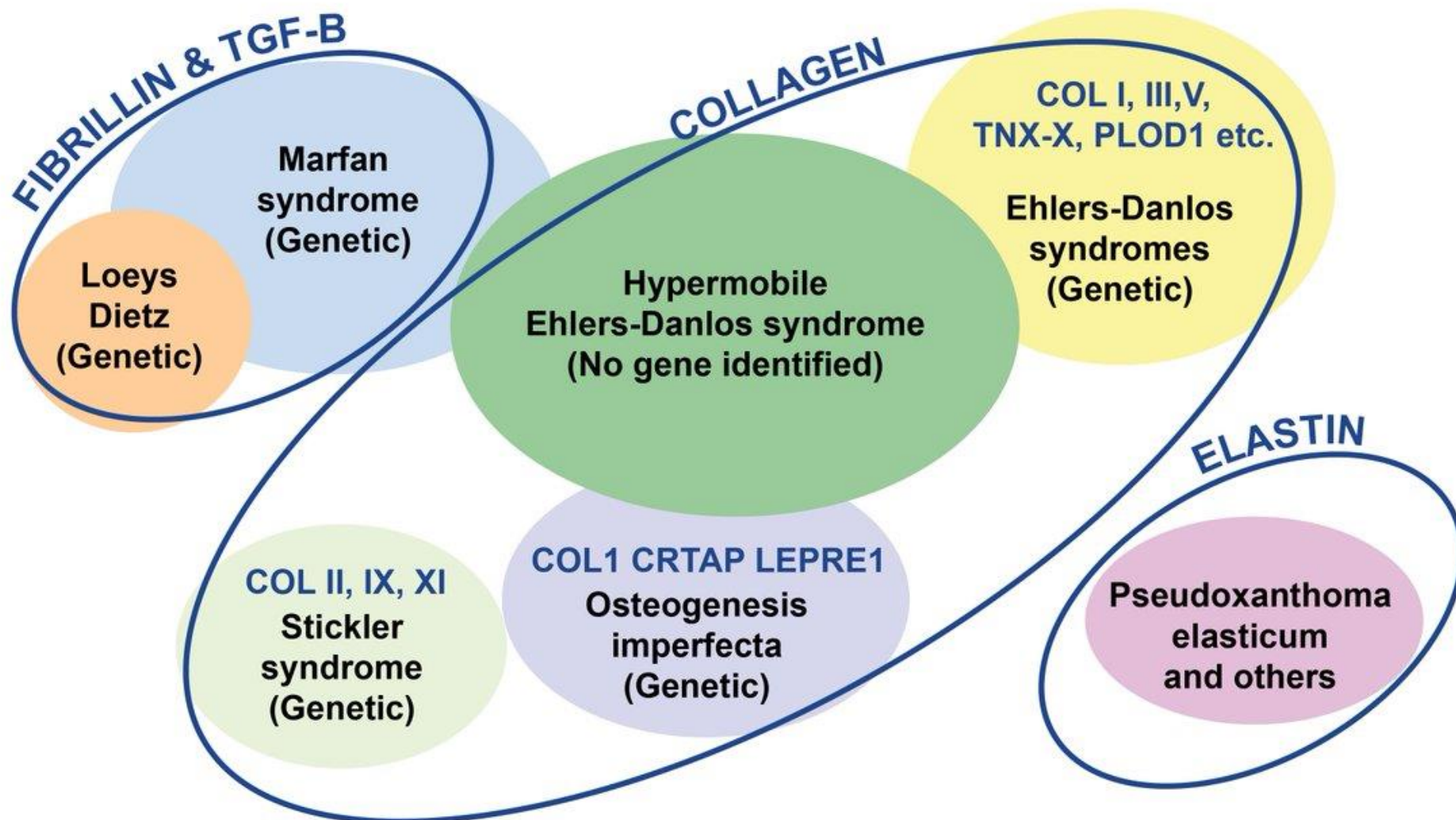
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abnormal remodeling
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fibrosis cancer osteoarthritis

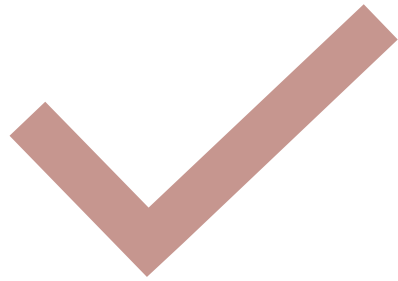
The More Common Heritable Disorders of Connective Tissue



Diagnostics in HCTD

- CMGG:
<https://www.cmgg.be/nl/zoorgverlener/labguide/constitutioneel-genetische-aandoeningen>
- Belgian Genetic Tests database: <https://gentest-acc.healthdata.be/>

Diagnostics in HCTD



Previously



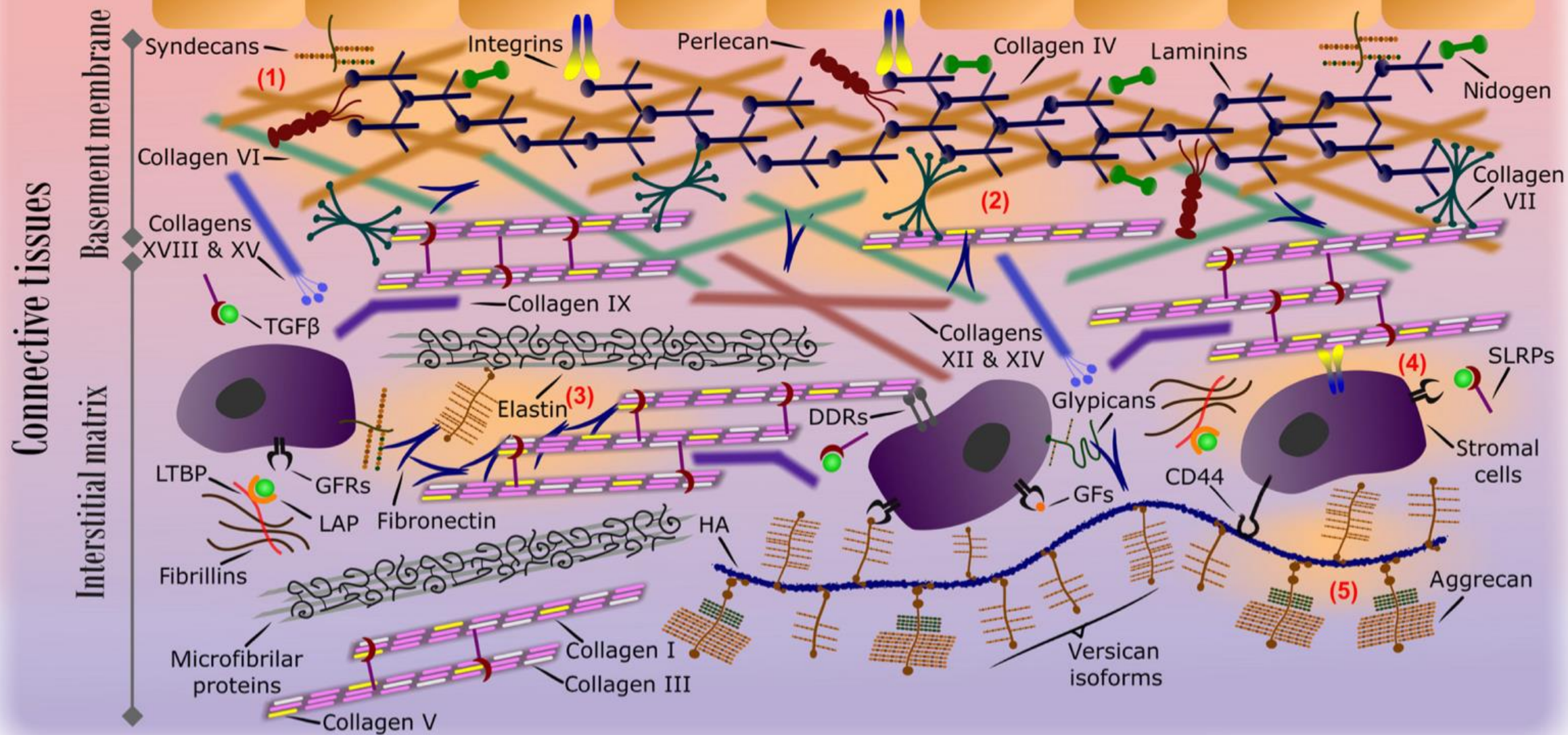
Current strategies

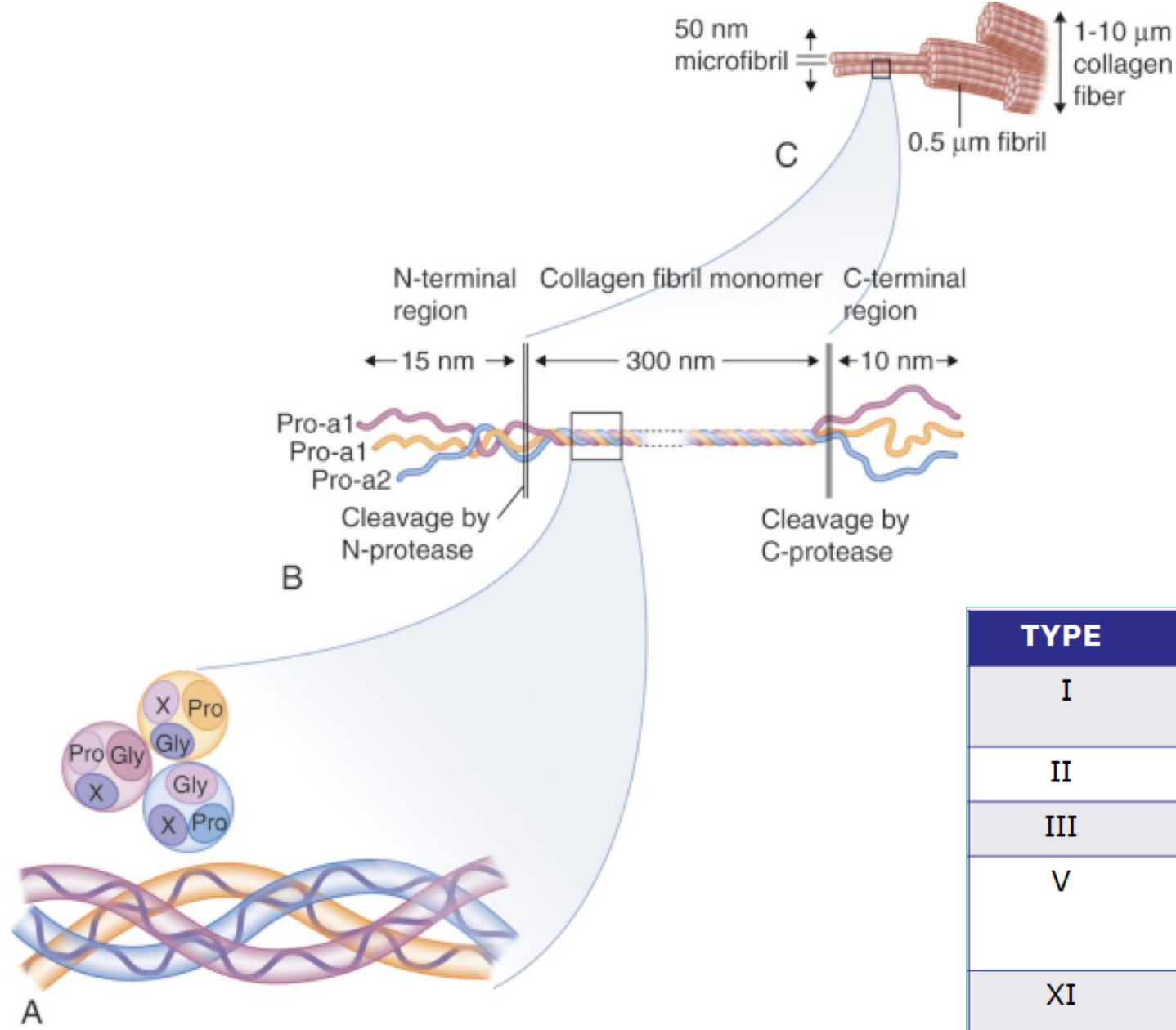
Previously

- EDS, OI
 - skin biopsy,
 - biochemical collagen analysis,
 - mRNA isolation and sequencing at cDNA level (cave?)
 - sequencing at gDNA level
- Others
 - sequencing at gDNA level

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Epithelium





TYPE	CHAINS	GENES	TISSUE
I	α 1(I) α 2(I)	<i>COL1A1</i> <i>COL1A2</i>	skin, tendons, arteries, bone
II	α 1(II)	<i>COL2A1</i>	cartilage, vitreous
III	α 1(III)	<i>COL3A1</i>	skin, arteries, uterus
V	α 1(V) α 2(V) α 3(V)	<i>COL5A1</i> <i>COL5A2</i> <i>COL5A3</i>	skin, tendons cornea, bone, ligaments
XI	α 1(XI) α 2(XI)	<i>COL11A1</i> <i>COL11A2</i>	cartilage
XXIV	α 1(XXIV)	<i>COL24A1</i>	cartilage, eye
XXVII	α 1(XXVII)	<i>COL27A1</i>	cartilage

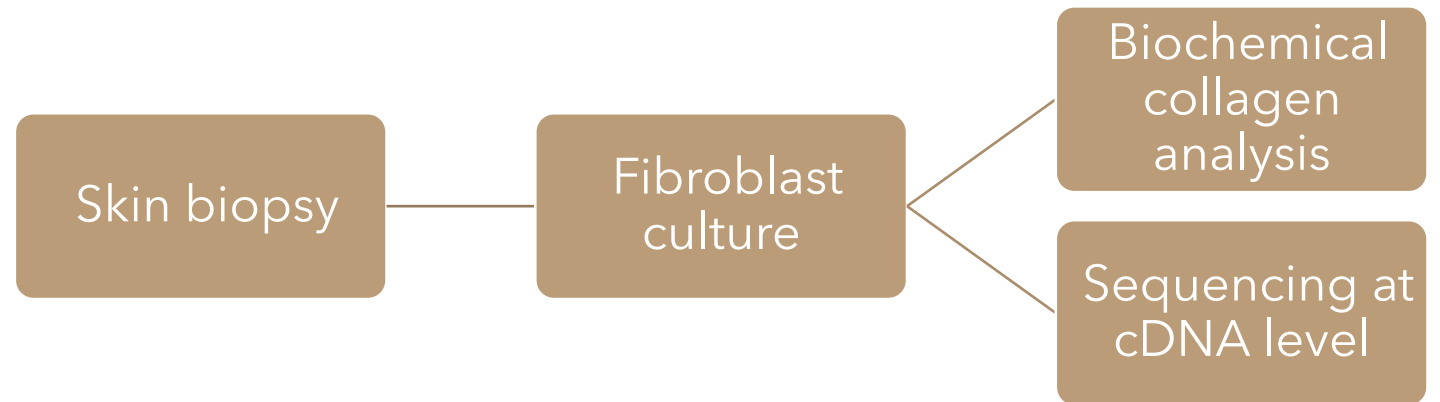
Previously

COLLAGEN

OI

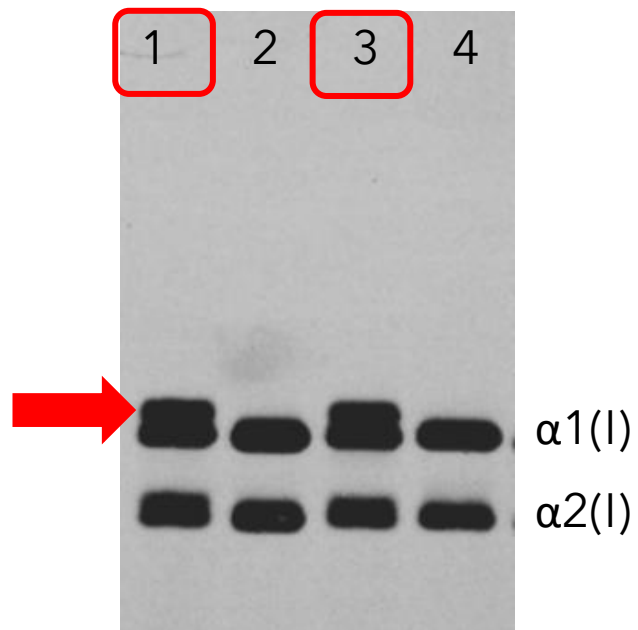
First: protein defect (faster)

Second: genetic defect;
gene-by-gene approach

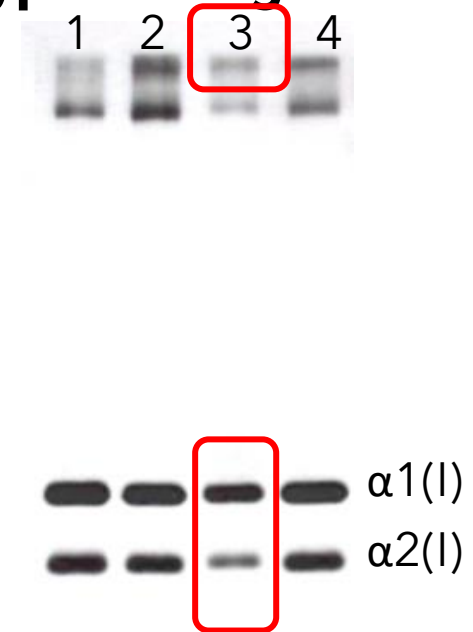


Type I collagen defect - OI

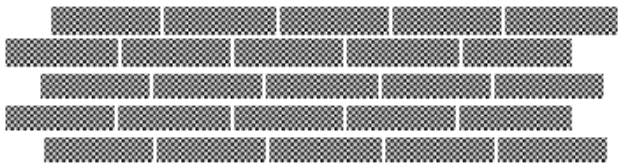
**Structurally abnormal type I collagen -
-> Severe/moderate/lethal OI**



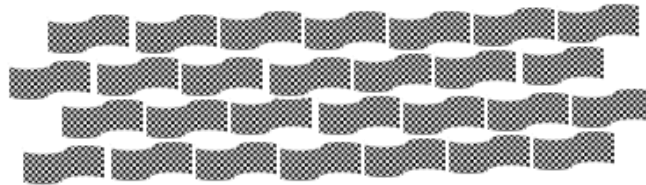
Reduction type I collagen --> Mild OI



Type I collagen defect - OI



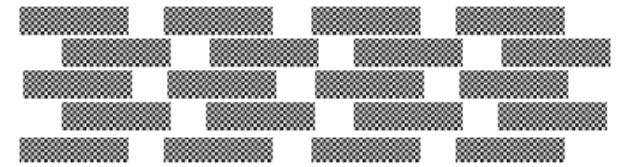
Normal bone structure



Structural defect

Severe/moderate/lethal OI
(type III, IV, II)

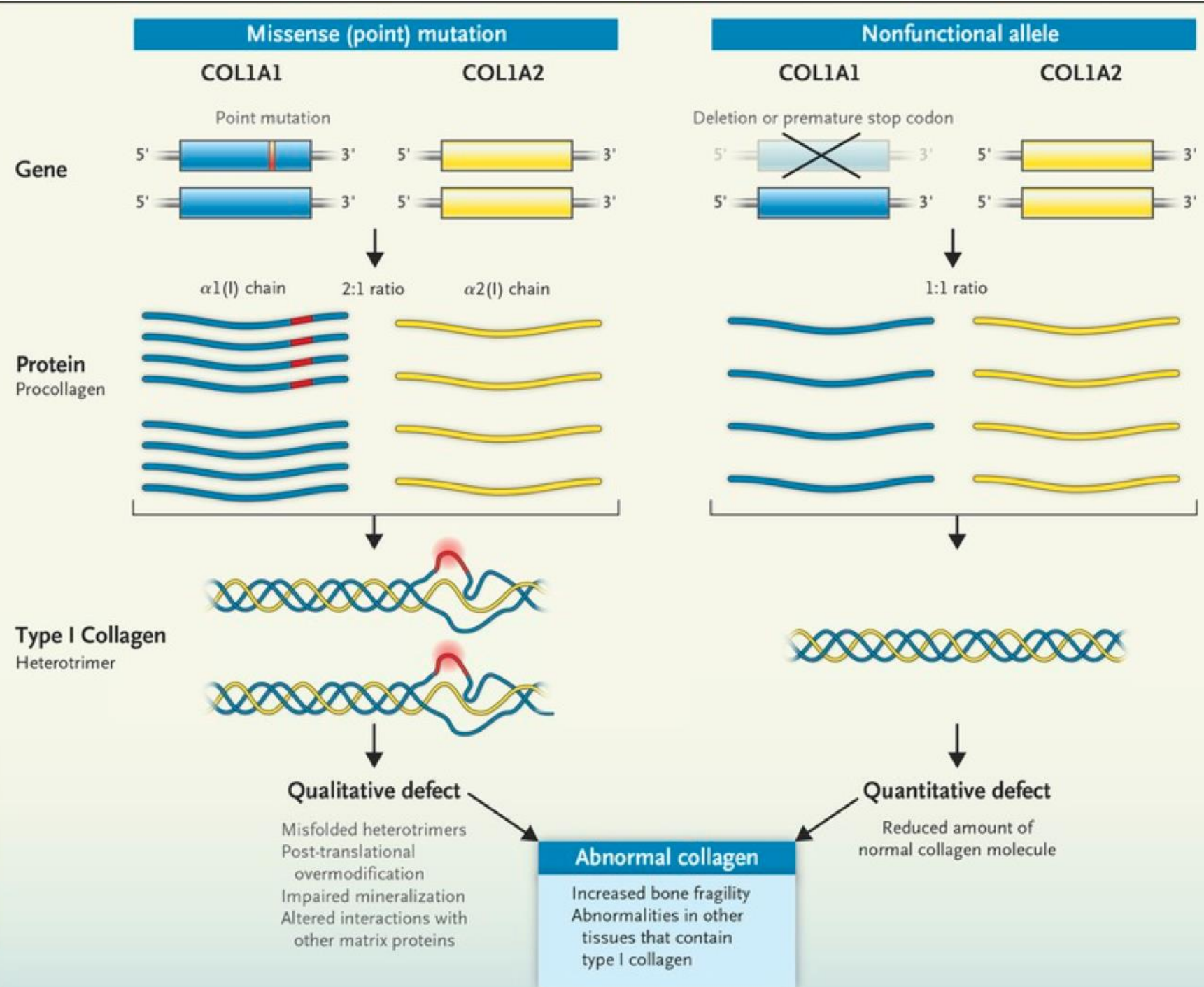
Mainly missense variants

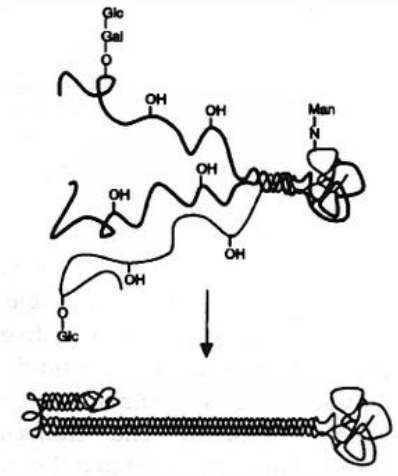


Quantitative defect

Type I (mild) OI

Mainly null-variants

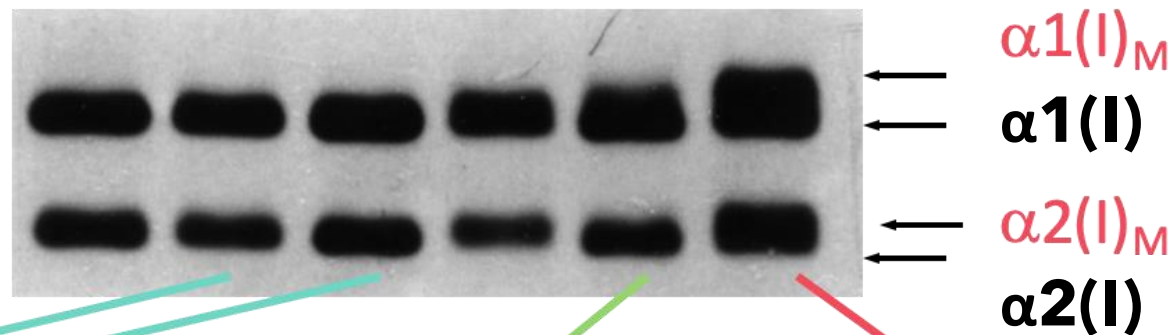




PHENOTYPIC SEVERITY INFLUENCED BY POSITION OF PATHOGENIC VARIANT

Gly>Ser in $\alpha 2(I)$ chain

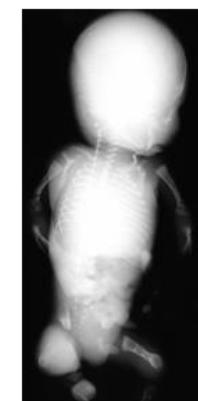
Control $\alpha 2(I)$ -G238S $\alpha 2(I)$ -G238S $\alpha 2(I)$ -G682S $\alpha 2(I)$ -G811S $\alpha 2(I)$ -G859S



OI type III OI type IV



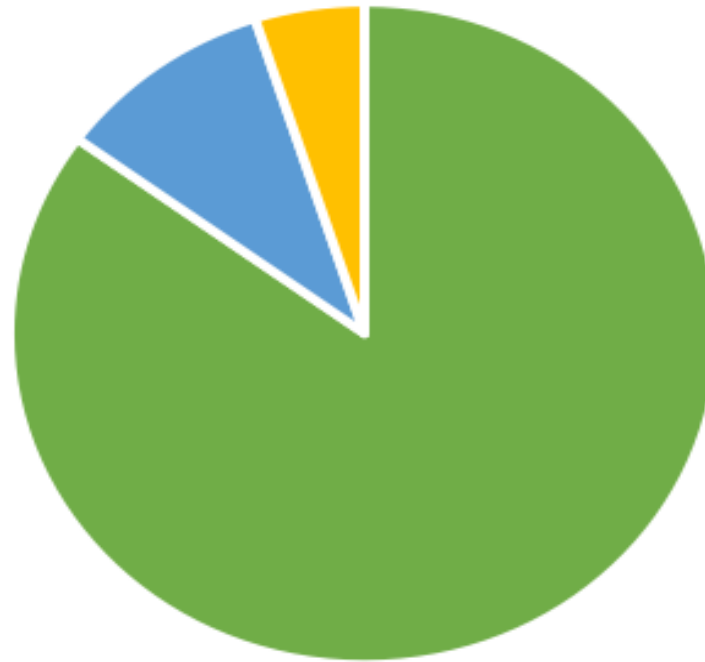
OI type IV



OI type II

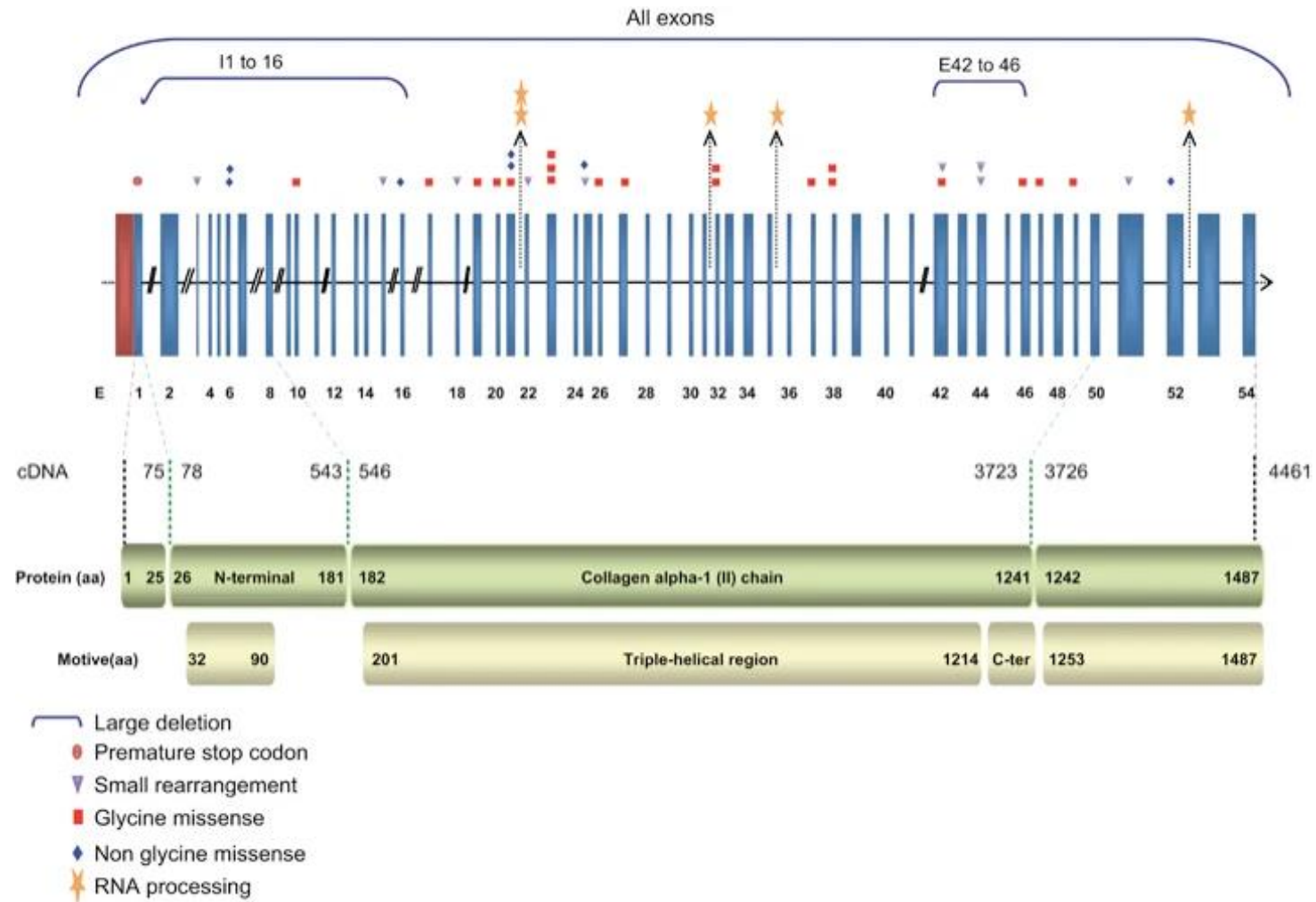
Type I collagen - OI

Variant spectrum

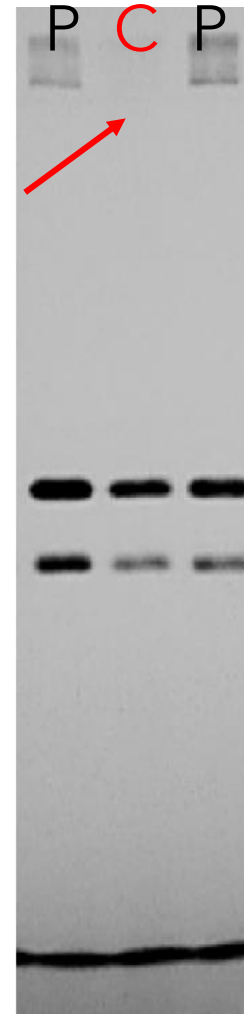


■ COL1A1/COL1A2 ■ Other genes ■ Unknown

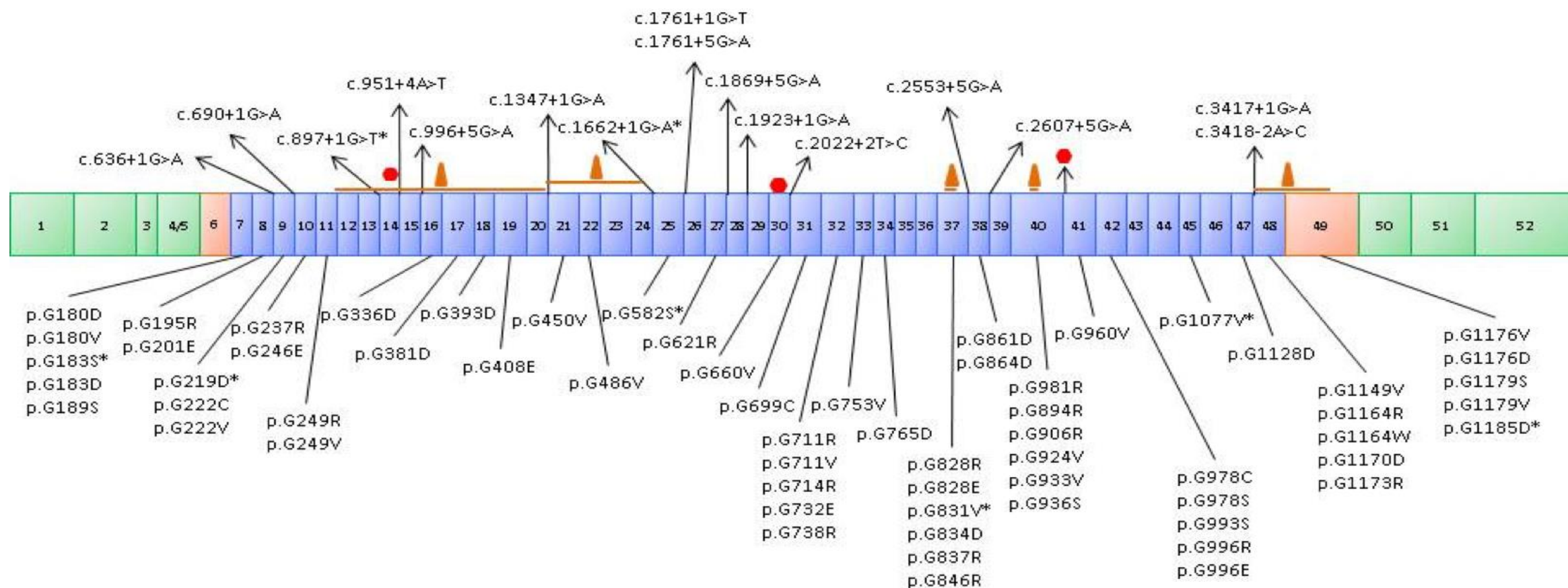
Type II collagen (*COL2A1*)



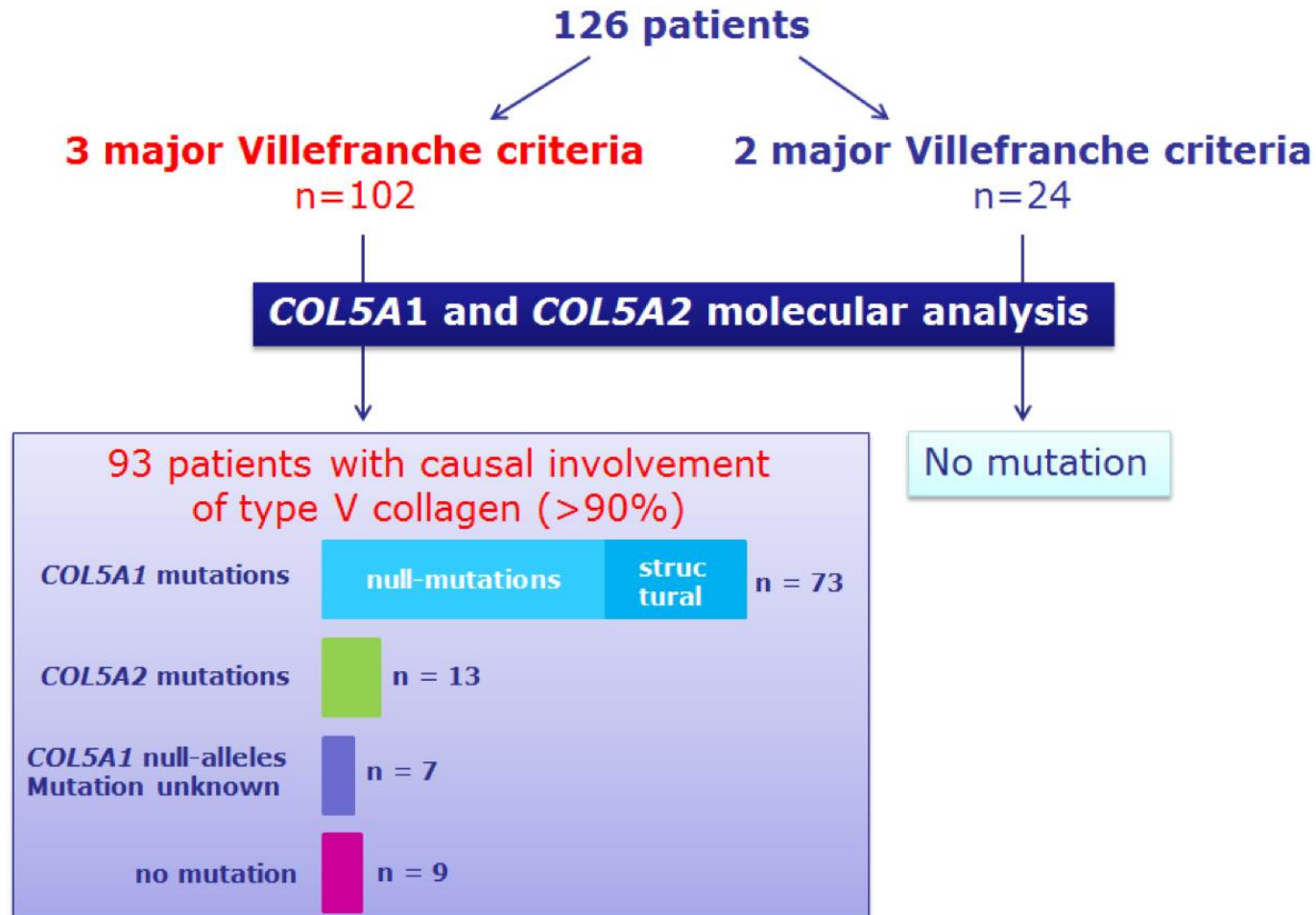
Vascular EDS (*COL3A1*)



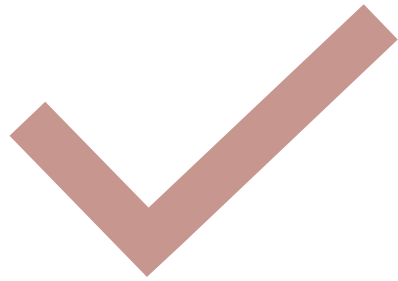
Vascular EDS (COL3A1)



Classic EDS (COL5A1/COL5A2)



Diagnostics in HCTD



Previously

Gene-by-gene approach
Protein-driven

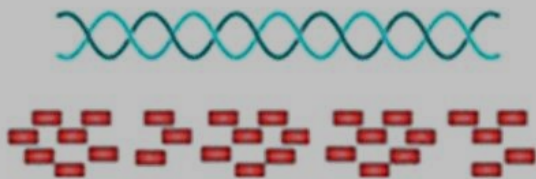


Current strategies

Genes simultaneous
"Gene"-driven

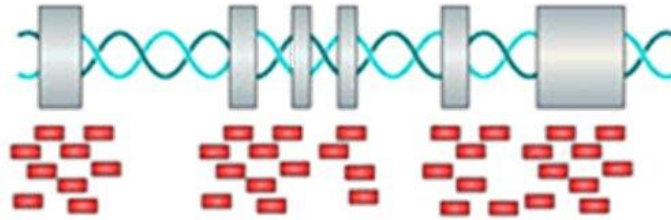
Current sequencing strategies

Whole genome sequencing



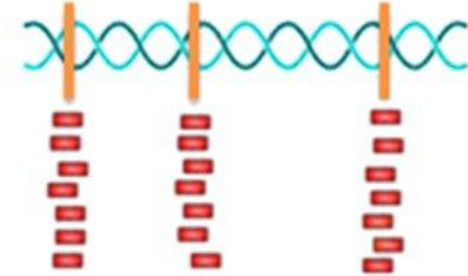
- Sequencing region : whole genome
- Sequencing Depth: >30X
- Covers everything – can identify all kinds of variants including SNPs, INDELs and SV.

Whole exome sequencing



- Sequencing region: whole exome
- Sequencing Depth : >50X ~ 100X
- Identify all kinds of variants including SNPs, INDELs and SV in coding region.
- Cost effective

Targeted sequencing



- Sequencing region: specific regions (could be customized)
- Sequencing Depth : >500X
- Identify all kinds of variants including SNPs, INDELs in specific regions
- Most Cost effective

Targeted sequencing

"(Small)" gene (panels)

- Achondroplasia (*FGFR3*)
- ATS (2 genes)
- Craniosynostosis/Apert syndrome (*FGFR2*)
- Hypochondroplasia (*FGFR3*)
- Marfan syndrome
- Some single gene indications, e.g. Beals syndrome, achondrogenesis type 2, Brugada syndrome, Busschke-Ollendorff syndrome, ...
- ...

"Moderate" gene panels

- OI
- EDS
- FTAA
- Stickler syndrome
- HCMP - DCMP
- PXE
- Cutis laxa
- BM/UCMD
- ...

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Sanger sequencing - NGS

No TNXB in EDS gene panel

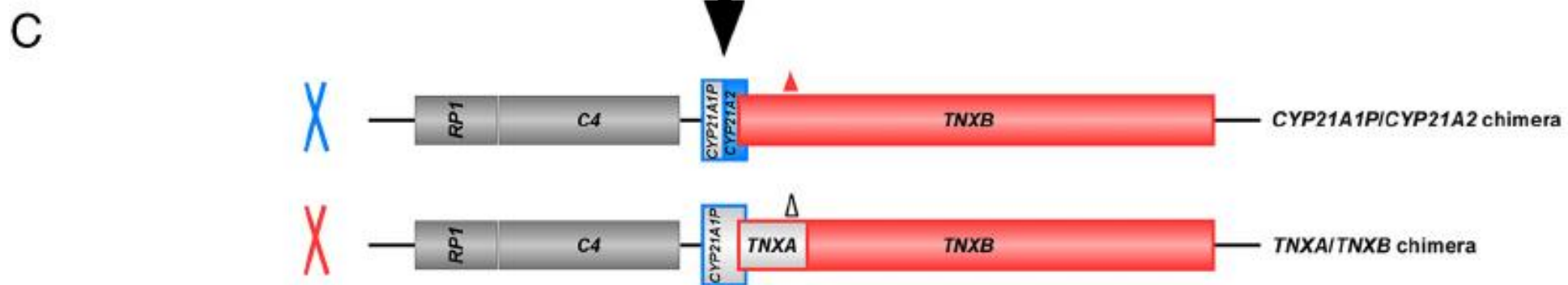
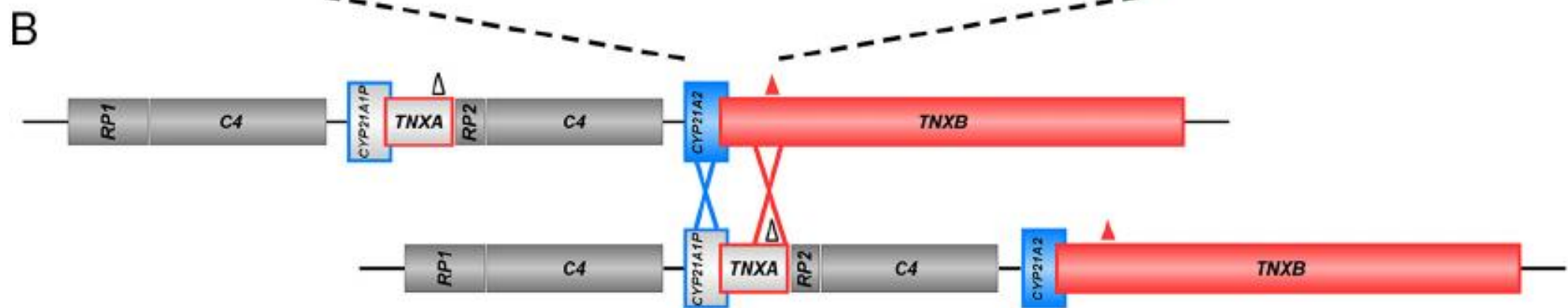
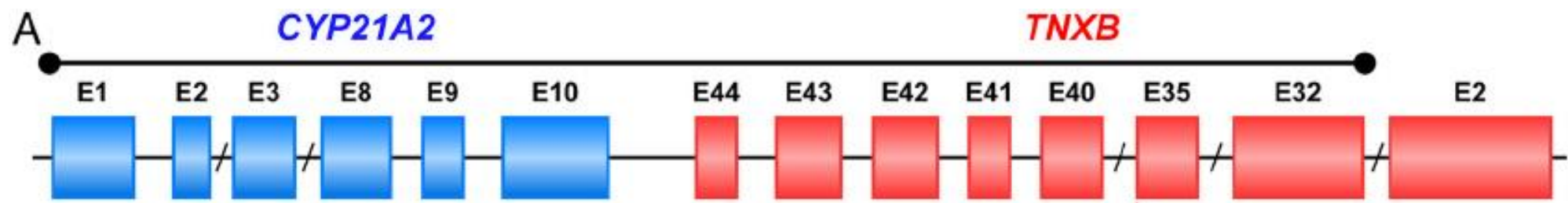
Targeted sequencing

"Moderate" gene panels

Full coverage

SEQCAP - HYPERCAP

- OI/Osteoporose/Hypophosphatasia: ACAN, ALPL, B3GALT6, BMP1, COL1A1, COL1A2, CREB3L1, CRTAP, FAM46A, FKBP10, IFITM5, P3H1, LRP5, LRP6, MBTPS2, NBAS, P4HB, PLOD2, PLS3, PPIB, SEC24D, SERPINF1, SERPINH1, SP7, SPARC, TAPT1, WNT1, XYLT2, TMEM38B, LIFR, MESD, KDELR2, CCDC134, SGMS2, STX18, SUCO, WNT3A, PHEX, COPB2, ARF5, BICDL1
- EDS: ADAMTS2, AEBP1, B3GAT3, B4GALT7, C1R, C1S, CHST14, COL12A1, COL1A1, COL1A2, COL3A1, COL5A1, COL5A2, DSE, FKBP14, PLOD1, PRDM5, RIN2, SLC39A13, XYLT1, XYLT2, ZNF469, B3GALT6, FLNA, FLNB, TAB2
- FTAA: ACTA2, BGN, COL3A1, FBN1, FOXE3, HCN4, LOX, LTBP3, MAT2A, MFAP5, MYH11, MYLK, PRKG1, SMAD2, SMAD3, TGFB2, TGFB3, TGFB1, TGFB2, IPO8, EFEMP2
- BM/UCMD: COL12A1, COL6A1, COL6A2, COL6A3
- HCMP: ACTC1, CSPR3, JPH2, MYBPC3, MYH7, MYL2, MYL3, TNNC1, TNNI3, TNNT2, TPM1, PRKGA2
- DCMP: LMNA, TTN, RBM20, TNNC1, DES, TNNT2, FLNC, BAG3, LMNA, MYH7, SCN5A, TTN, DSP, NEXN, ACTC1, TPM1, JPH2, TNNI3, VCL
- CCA/Beals: FBN2
- ATS: SLC2A10, EFEMP2
- Ectodermale dysplasie: TP63, AXIN2, WNT10A, PAX9, MSX1, EDA, EDAR, EDARADD, GREM2, LRP6, WNT10B
- Cutis laxa: ELN, EFEMP2, FBLN5, LTBP4, ATP6V02, PYCR1, ALDH18A1, ATP7A, COG7, TALDO1, GORAB, NAA10, RIN2, LTBP1, LOX, EFEMP1, ATP6V1A, ATP6V1E1
- Ectopia lentis: LTBP1, ADAMTSL4, FBN1
- Long QT syndroom: SCN5A, KCNH2, KCNQ1, CALM2, CALM1, CALM3, TRDN, CACNA1C
- MED: COL2A1, SCL26A2
- PXE: ABCC6, ENPP1, GGCX, VEGFA, CYP2U1
- Stickler syndroom: COL2A1, COL11A1, COL11A2, COL9A1, COL9A2, COL9A3, LOXL3, LRP2
- Vasculaire mineralisatie syndroom: ANKH, NT5E, ENPP1
- Weill-Marchesani syndroom: ADAMTS10, ADAMTS17, FBN1, LTBP2, SMAD4
- CPVT: CASQ2, RYR2, TRDN, TECRL, CALM1, CALM2, CALM3
- BAV: GATA5, NOTCH1, NKX2-5, SMAD6, ROBO4
- SED: NKX3-2, COL2A1



Targeted sequencing

"Moderate" gene panels

SEQCAP – HYPERCAP

THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

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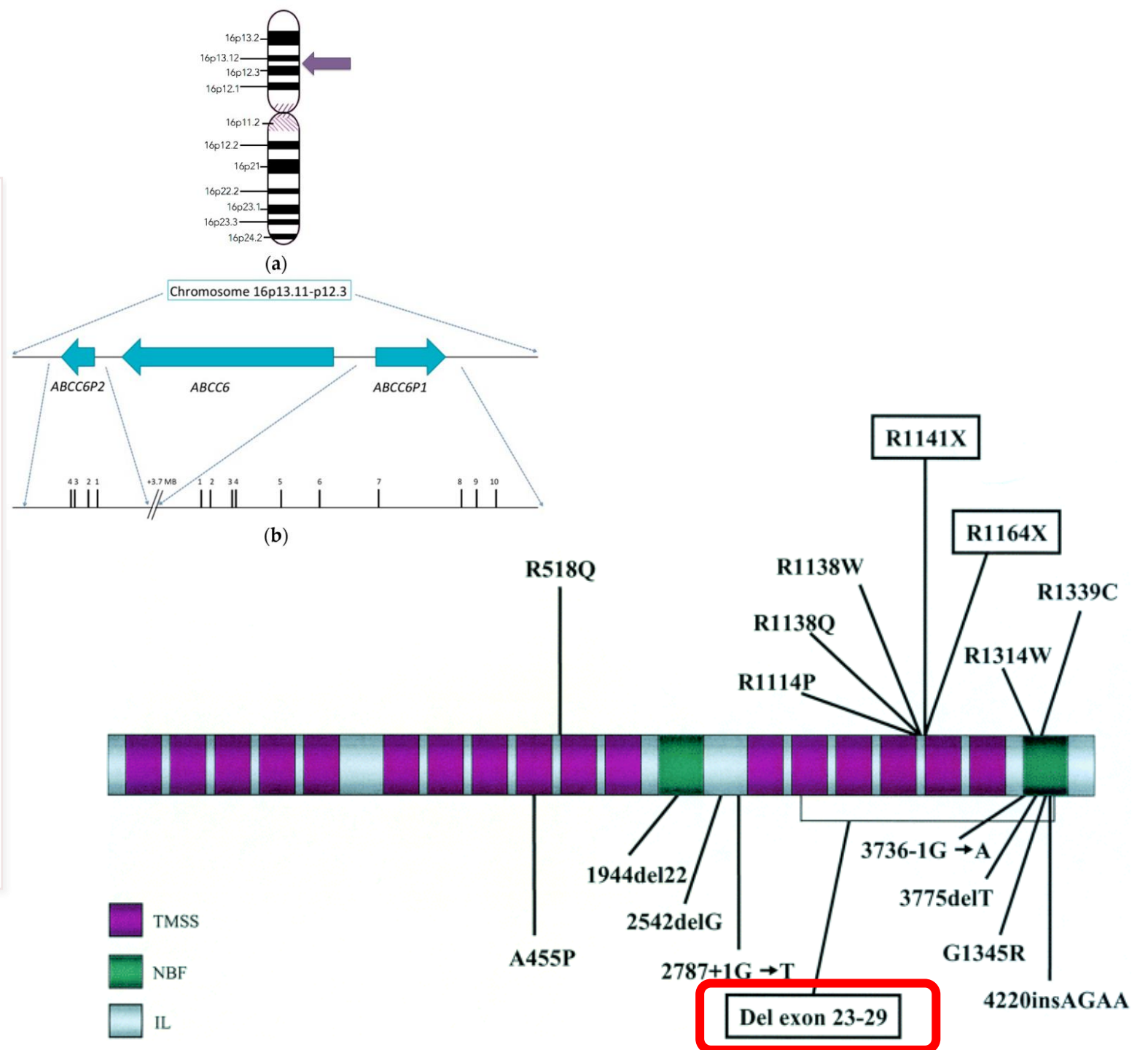
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PXE - *ABCC6*

Caucasian population
approx. 15% del exon23-29

MLPA needed!



Targeted sequencing

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--> CNV detection needed

However: for most HCTD no commercial MLPA kit available!
Solution: in-house design (software Exome Depth, MRC Holland design specific MLPA for each gene) --> limitation: positive controls needed, not available for all genes.

Whole exome sequencing

"Large" gene panels

= "dedicated" gene panels,
linked to group of disorders

CNV detection, *in silico*

Trio analysis preferred

No full coverage

- Skeletal dysplasia
- Connective tissue panel: TNXB included, but: disclaimer!
- Skin disease (eg. FECH c.315-48T>C)
- ...

Targeted sequencing/WES

Targeted sequencing

- For disorders with known disease genes/certainty clinical diagnosis.
- HyperCap: yearly re-evaluation of gene content. If needed: new design + optimization/validation.
- Relatively limited number of variants to interpret (dependent on gene content).
- Full coverage.
- Turnaround time is relatively short.

WES-based gene panels

- For group of disorders (eg skeletal dysplasia).
- Same commercial kit for all patients.
- Easy to extend the gene panel content.
- Interpretation of variants is more complex.
- No full coverage of all genes.
- Longer turn-around-time.
- Depending on the gene content: risk of incidental findings.

Questions?
