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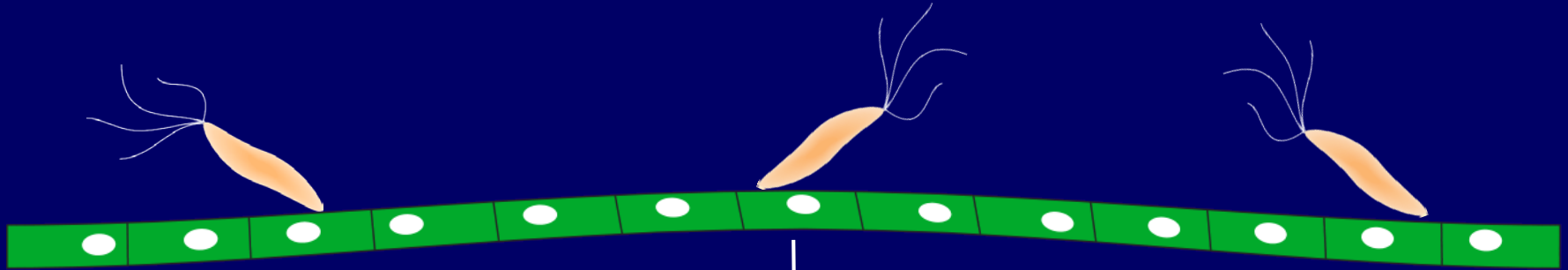
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Disruptive and Enabling  
Relationships That  
Promote *Helicobacter  
pylori*-Induced Gastric  
Cancer

Disclosures:

None

# Host responses to *H. pylori* virulence constituents influence carcinogenesis



Gastric inflammation

Decades ↓

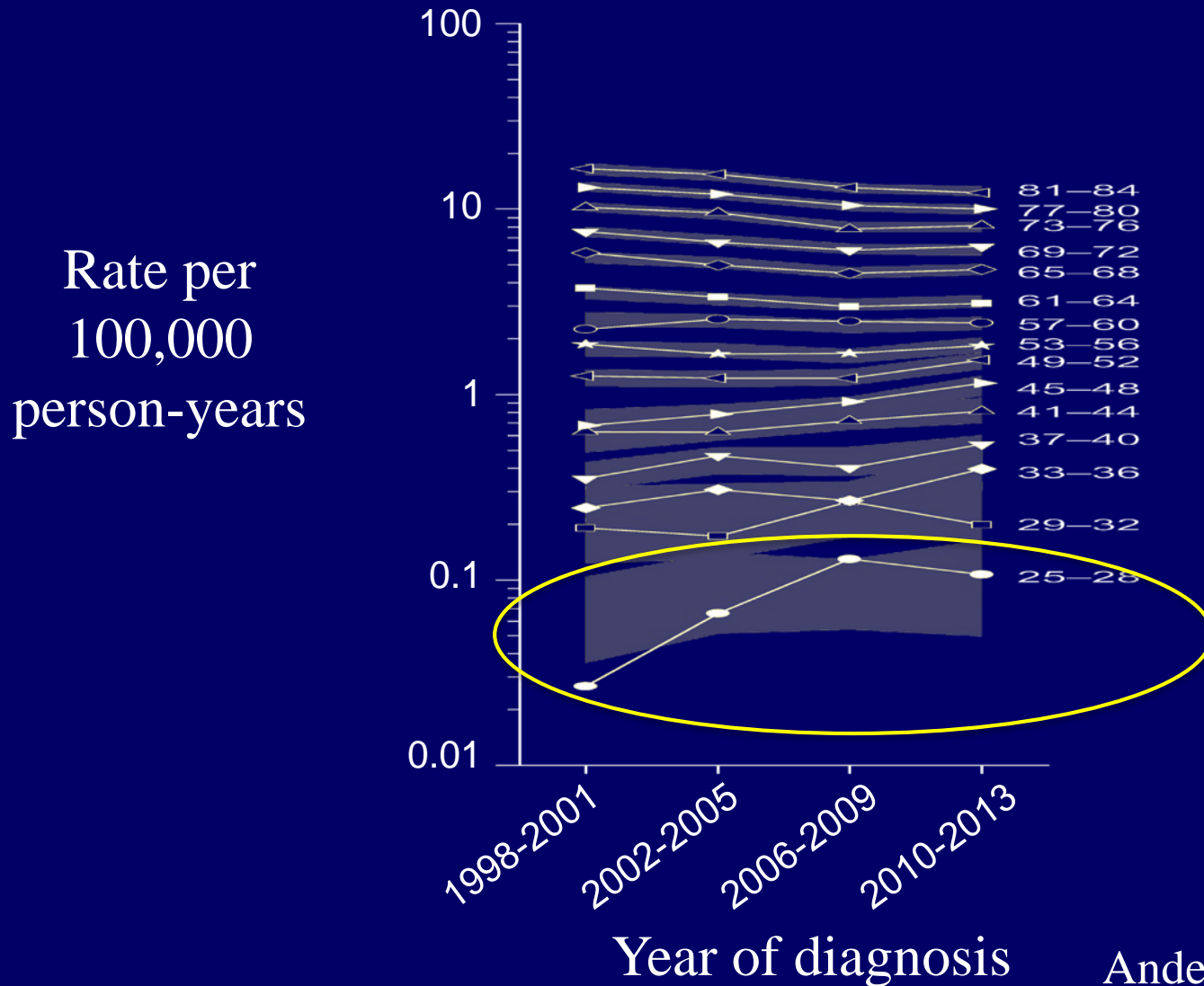
Distal gastric adenocarcinoma

# Adenocarcinoma of the Stomach

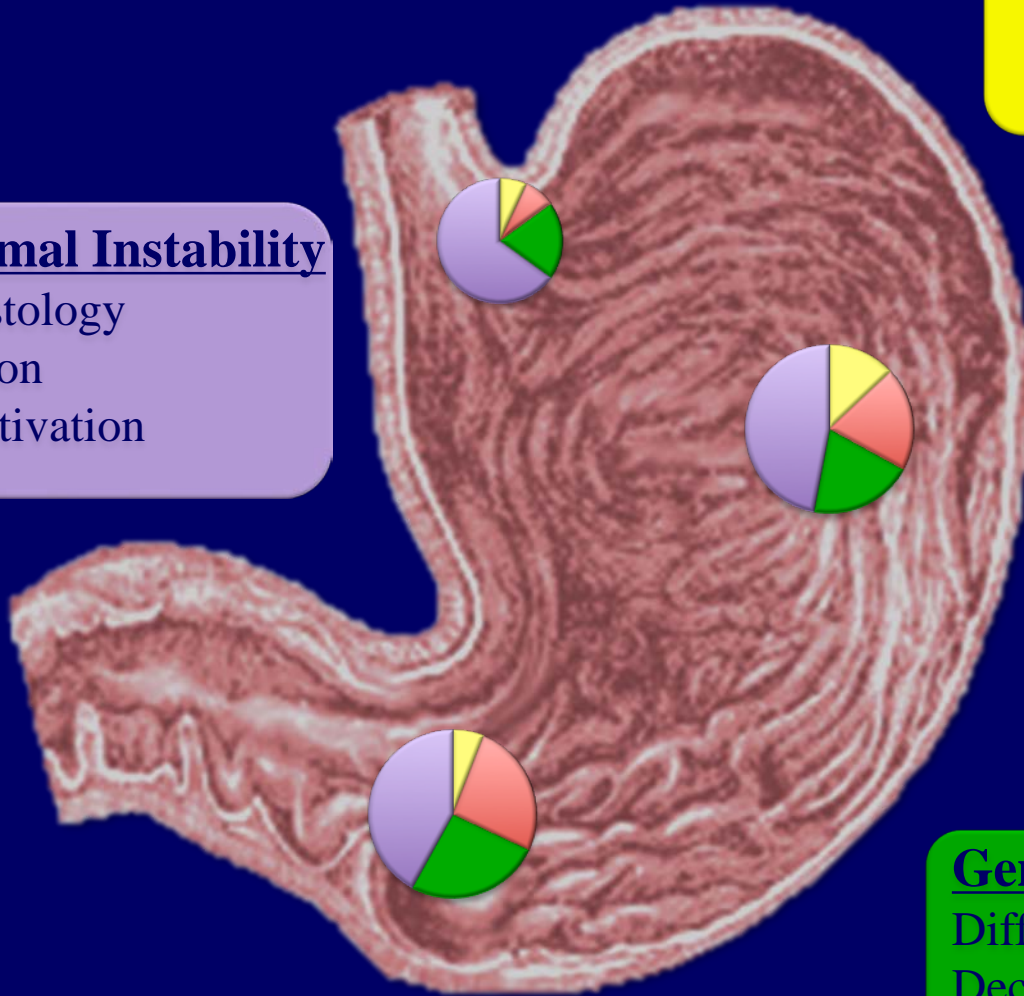
Third leading cause of cancer-related death worldwide

Estimated 800,000 deaths/year

# Age-specific incidence trends of noncardia gastric cancer among non-Hispanic white women



# Key molecular features of gastric cancer subtypes



## EBV

*PI3KCA* mutation

Immune cell signaling

## Chromosomal Instability

Intestinal histology

*TP53* mutation

*RTK-RAS* activation

## Microsatellite Instability

Hypermutation

Gastric-CpG island

methylosator phenotype

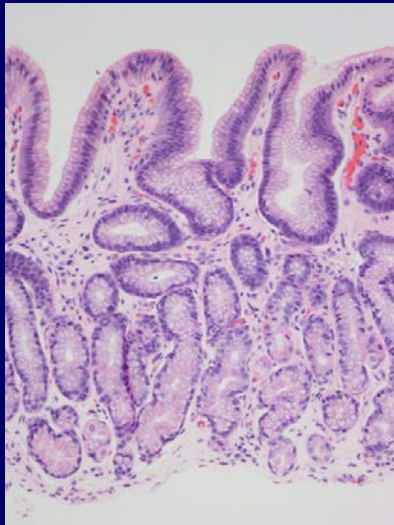
*MLH1* silencing

## Genomically Stable

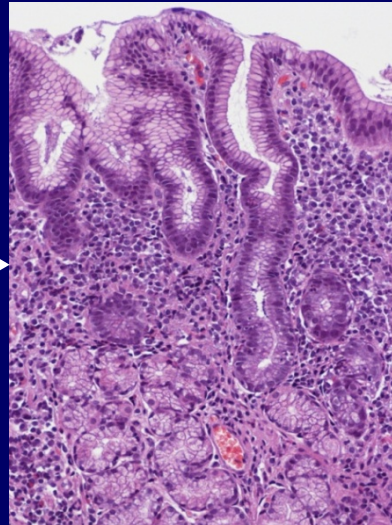
Diffuse histology

Decreased cell adhesion

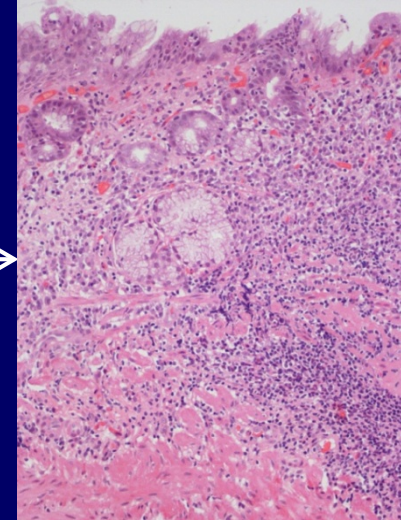




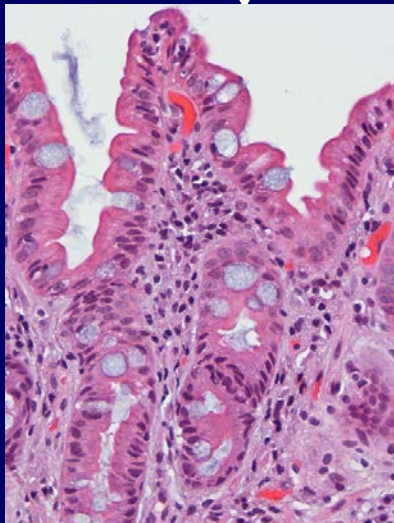
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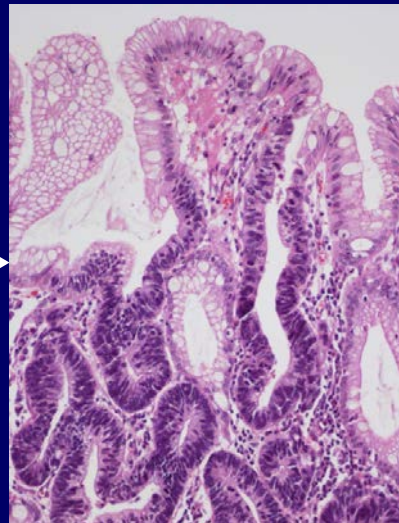
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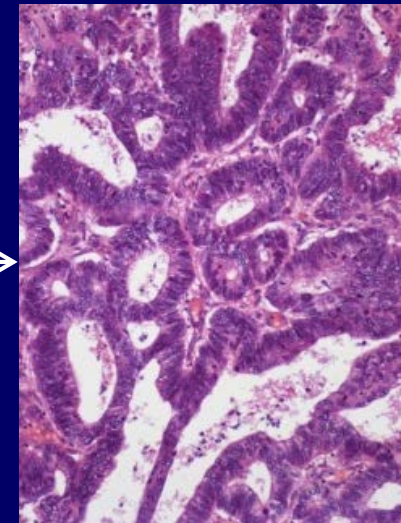
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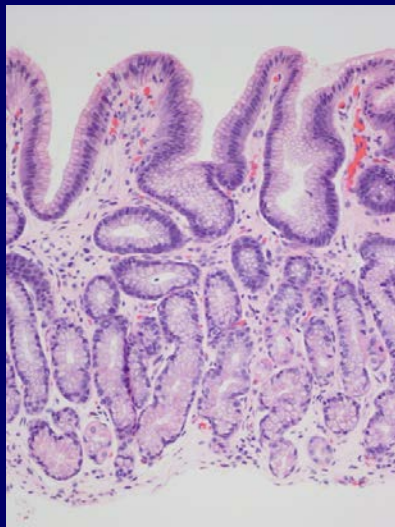


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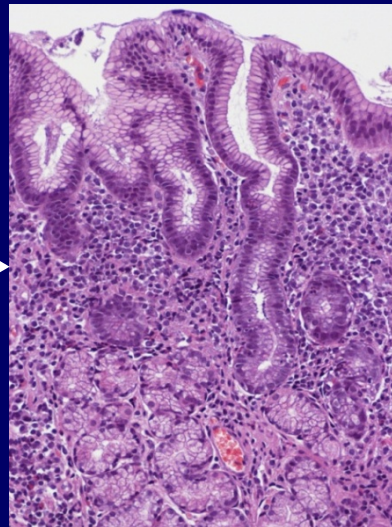
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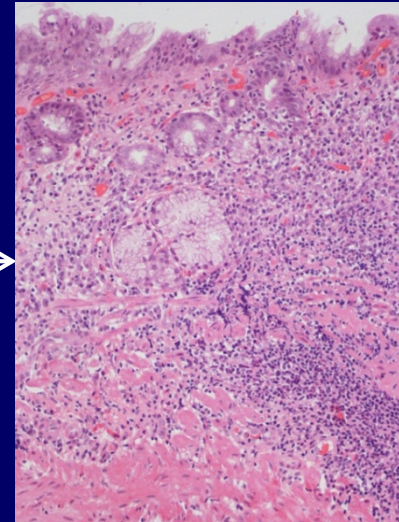


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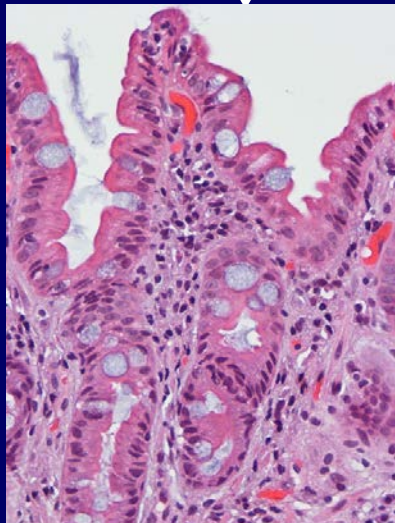
*H. pylori*



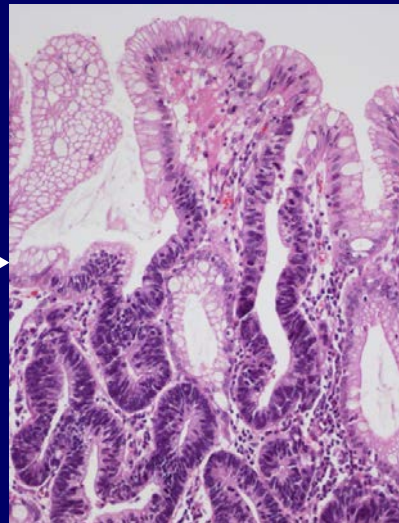
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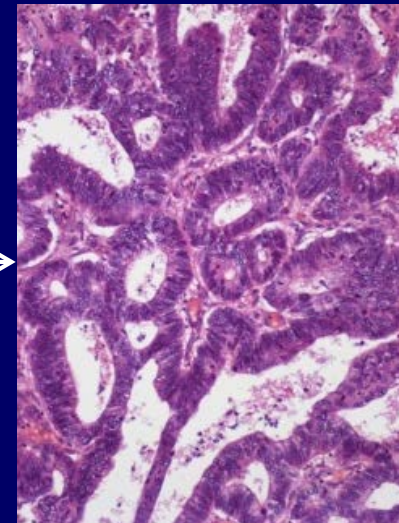
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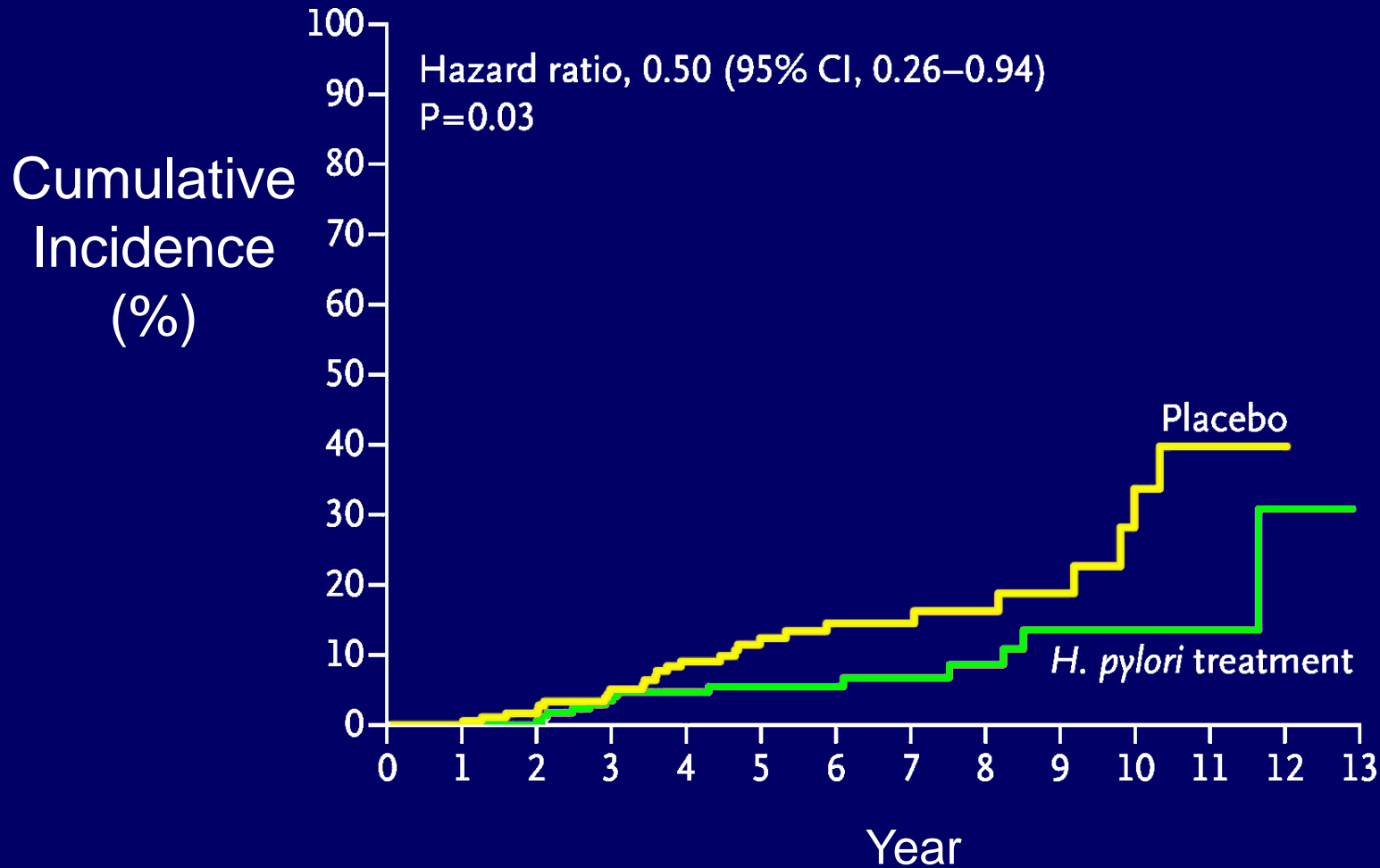
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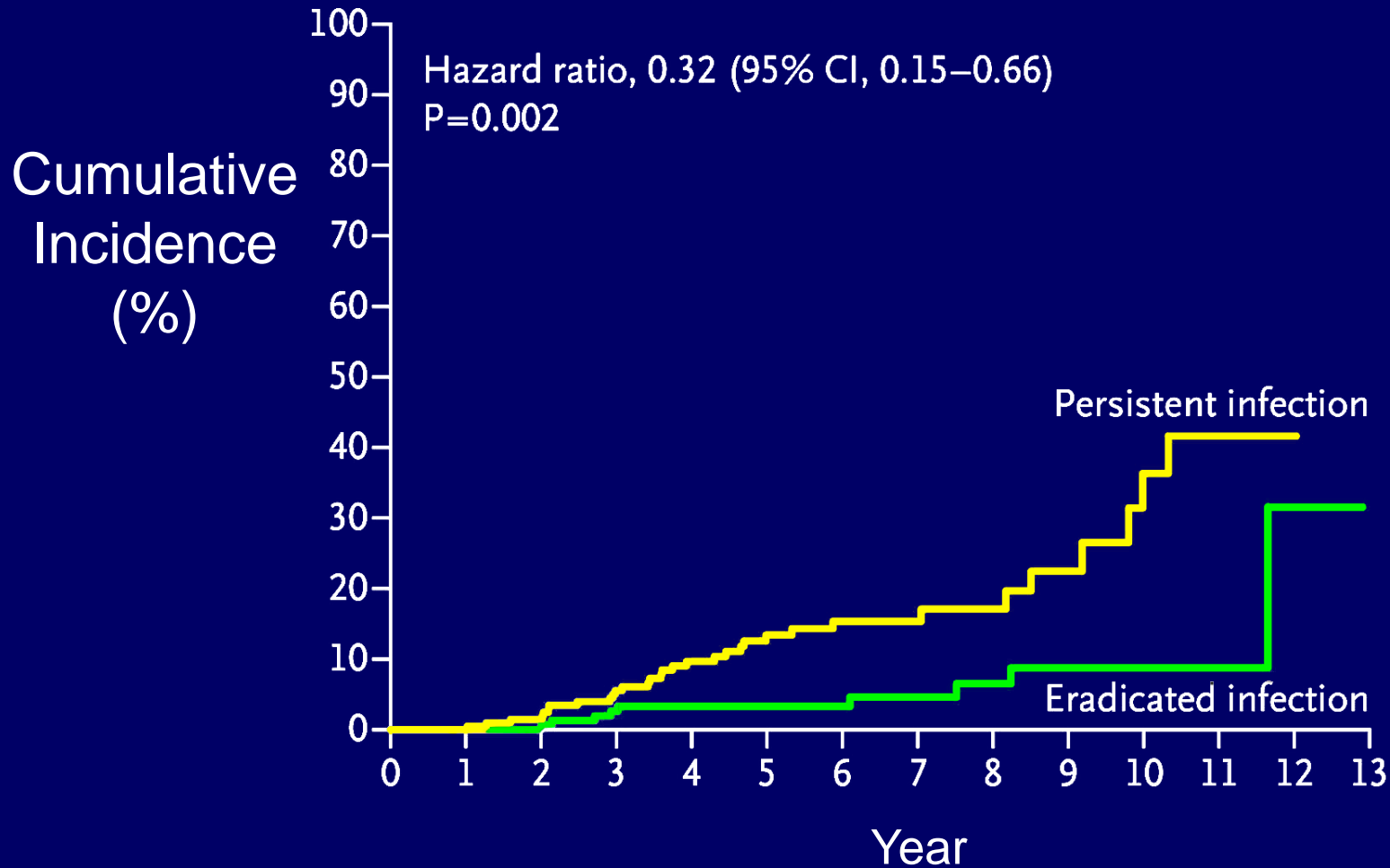
*Helicobacter pylori* Therapy for the Prevention of Metachronous  
Gastric Cancer

Il Ju Choi, M.D., Ph.D., Myeong-Cherl Kook, M.D., Ph.D., Young-Il Kim, M.D., Soo-Jeong Cho, M.D., Ph.D.,  
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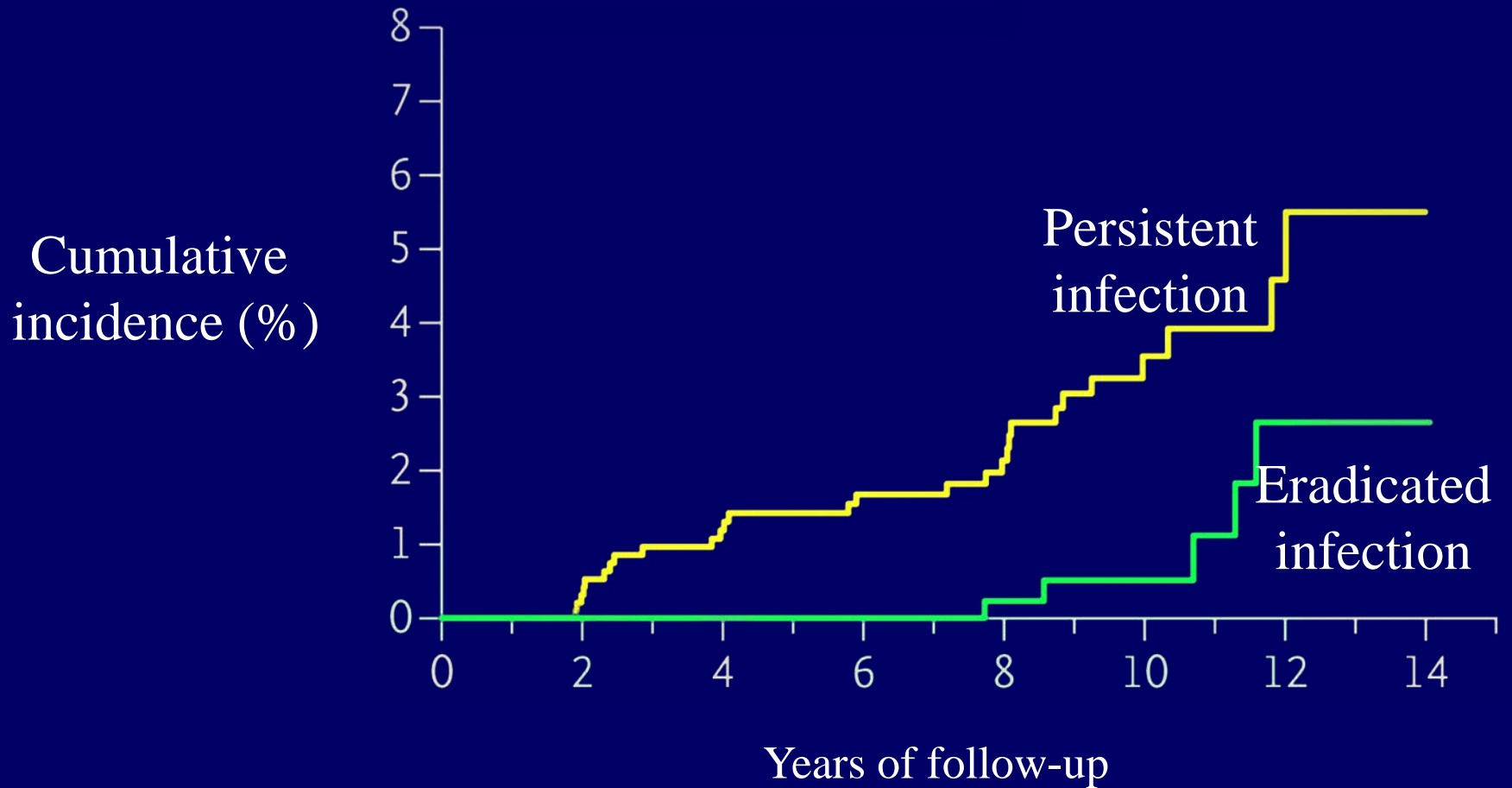
# Analysis of the incidence of metachronous gastric cancer



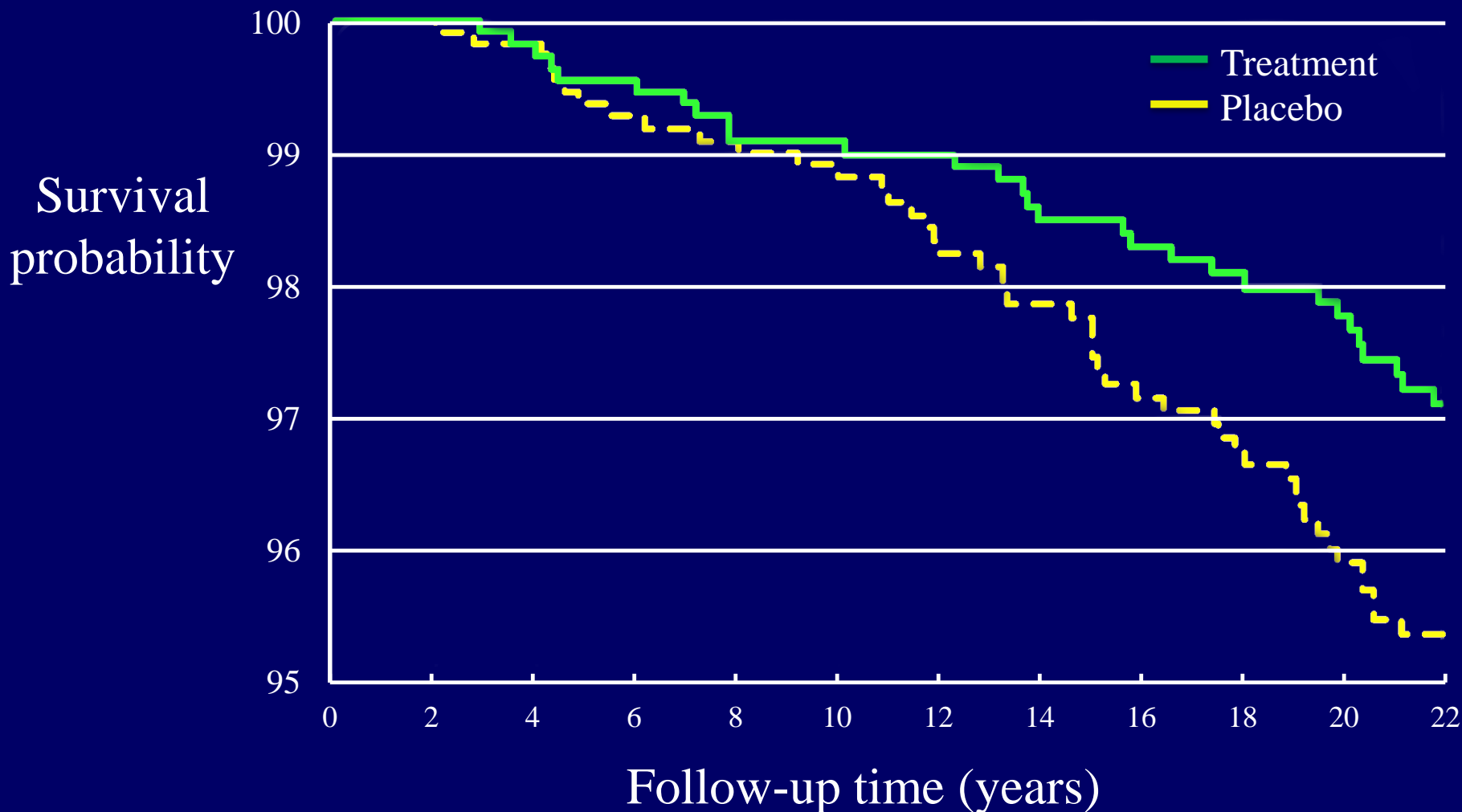
# Analysis of the incidence of metachronous gastric cancer, according to *H. pylori* status after trial medication



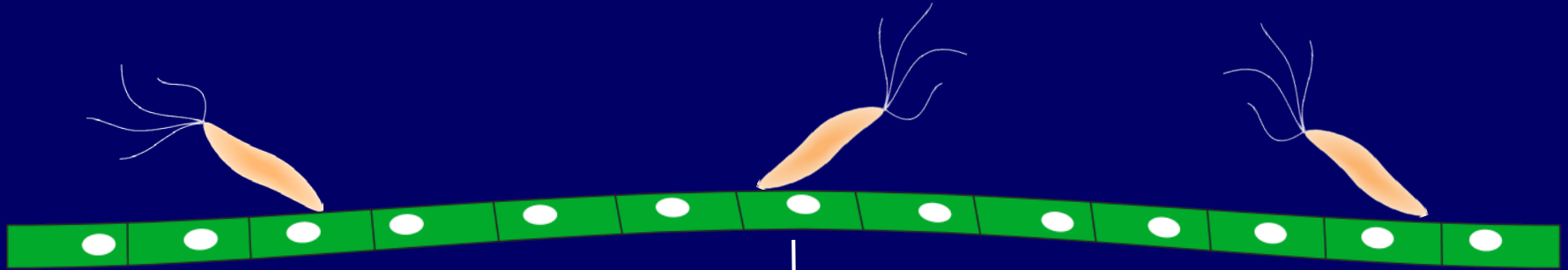
# Incidence of Gastric Cancer in First Degree Relatives Stratified by Eradication Status



# Survival estimates for gastric cancer mortality by *H. pylori* treatment in China



# Host responses to *H. pylori* virulence constituents influence carcinogenesis



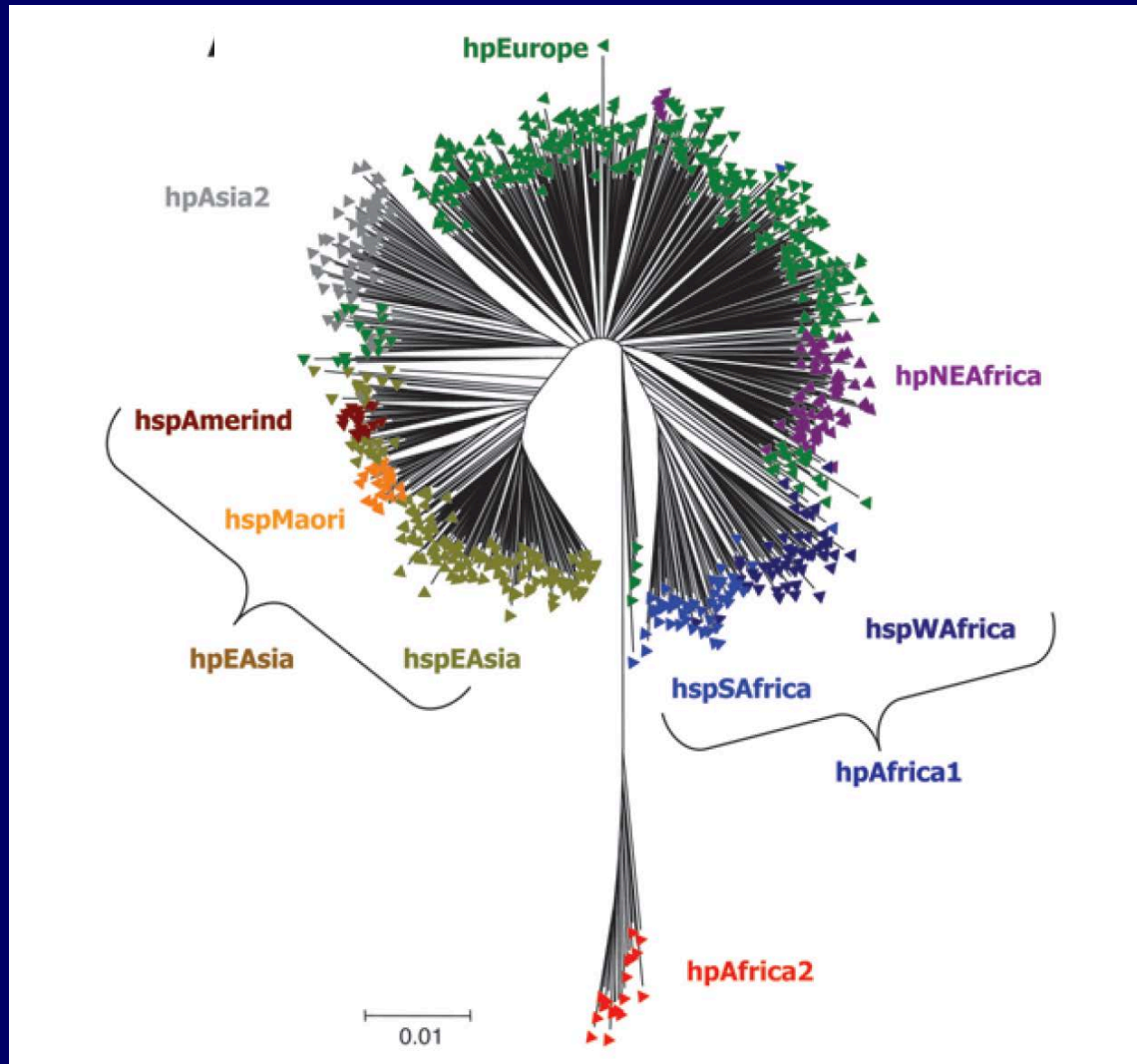
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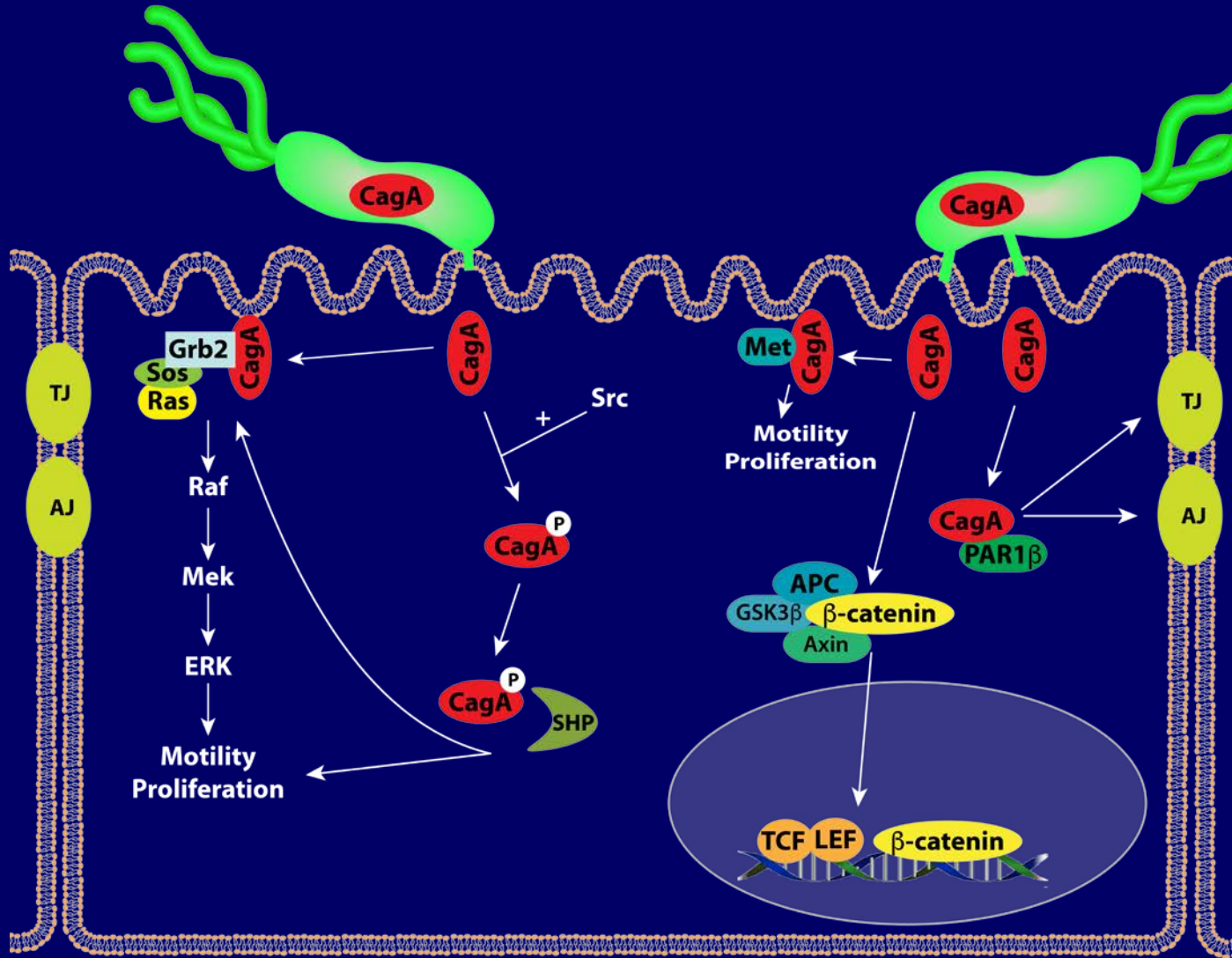
Distal gastric adenocarcinoma (1-3%)



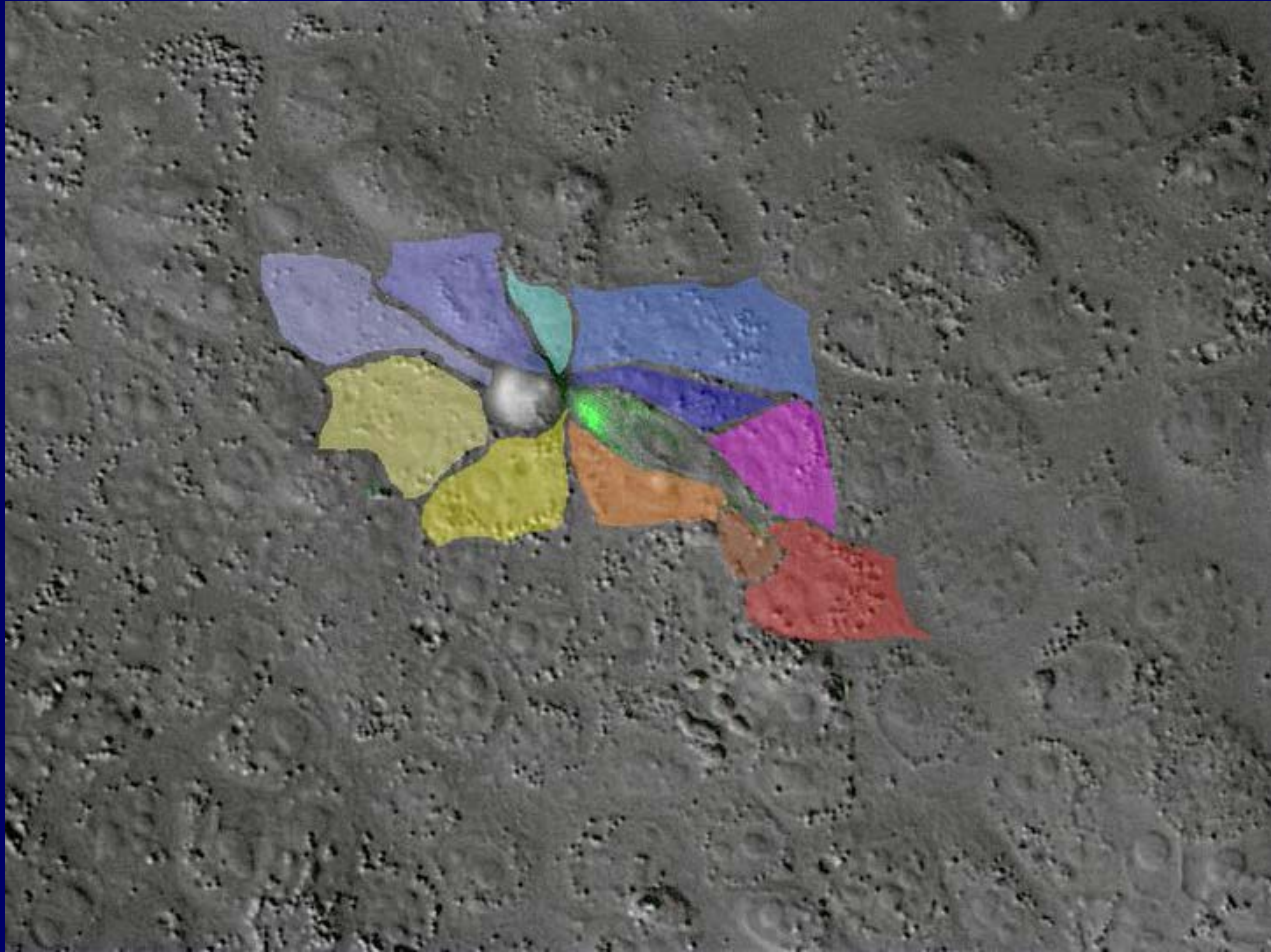
# Phylogeography of *H. pylori*



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# CagA expressing cells acquire a migratory and invasive phenotype

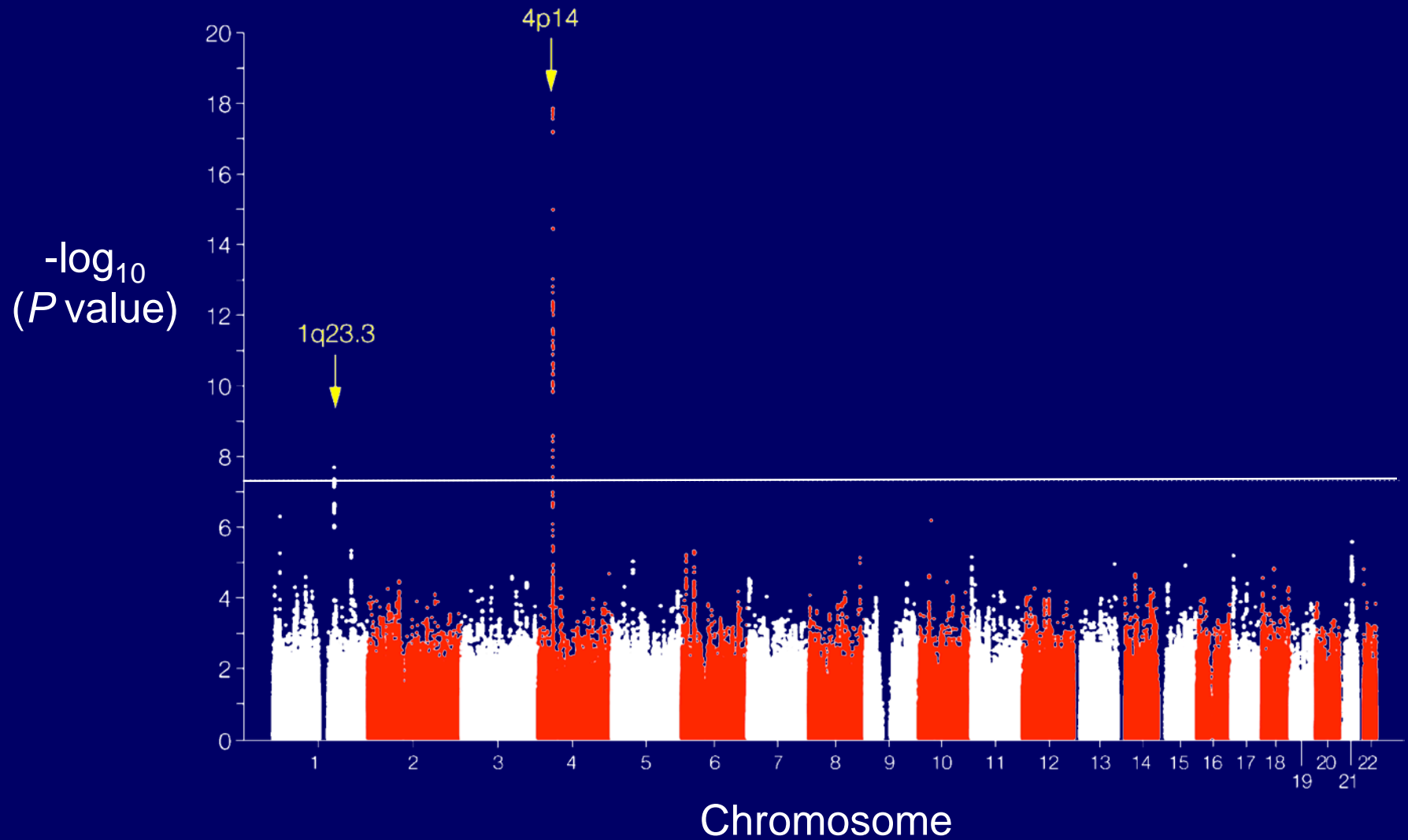


# *Helicobacter pylori* VacA Toxin

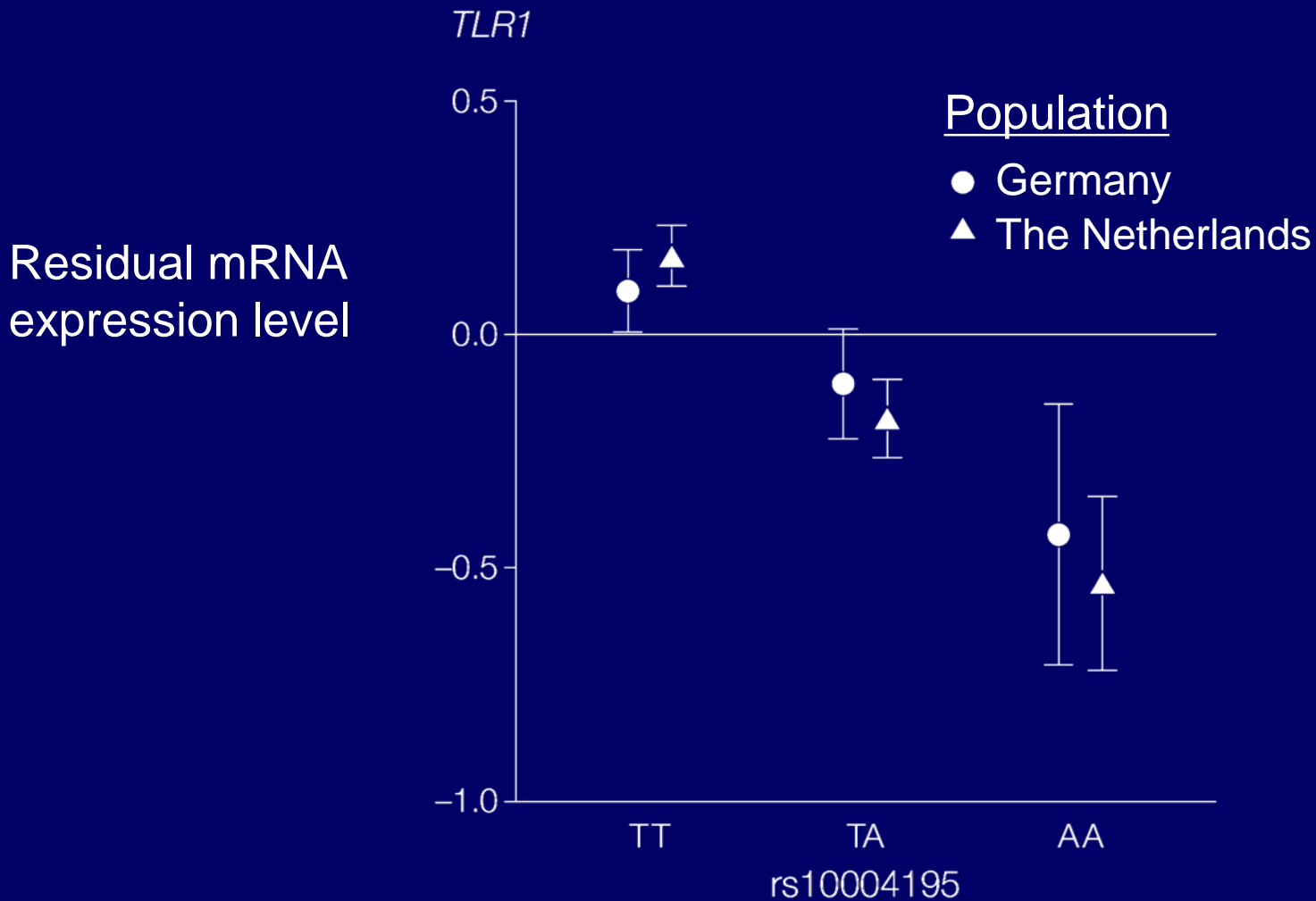
Strain-specific alleles associated  
with gastric cancer

Cancer-associated alleles recently  
shown to facilitate *H. pylori* host  
evasion via creation of an  
intracellular niche

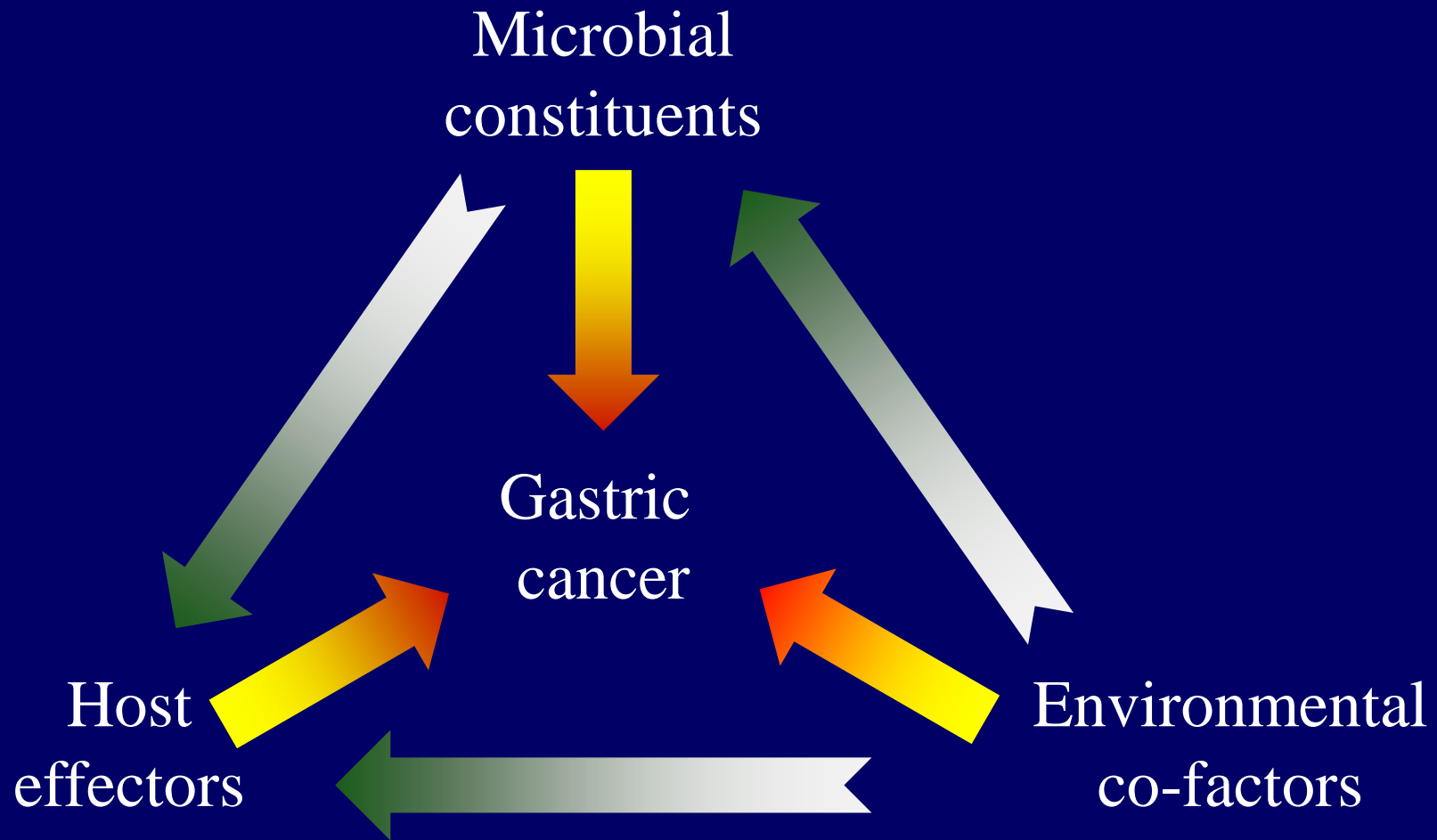
# Significance of association for SNPs and anti-*H. pylori* seropositivity



# *TLR1* expression levels corresponding tors10004195 *TLR1* SNP



# *H. pylori*-induced gastric cancer: an axis of evil

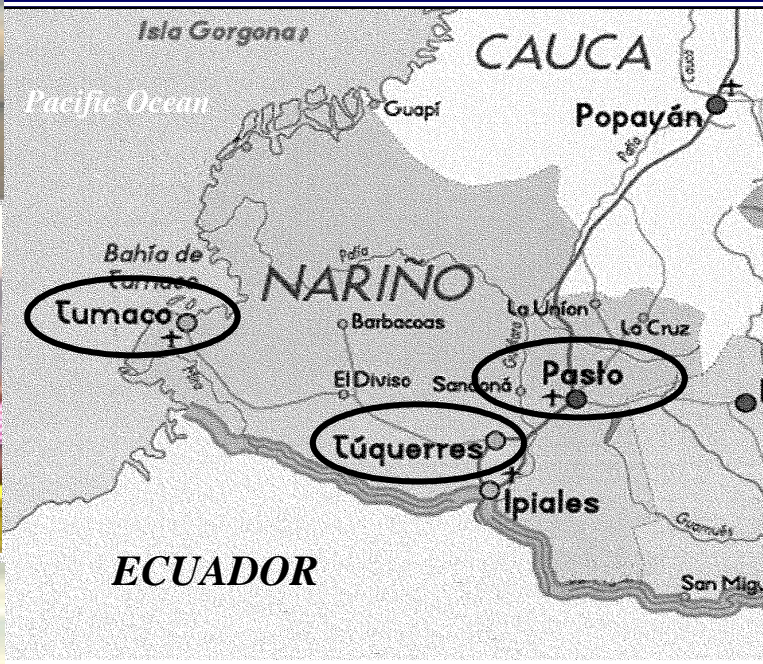
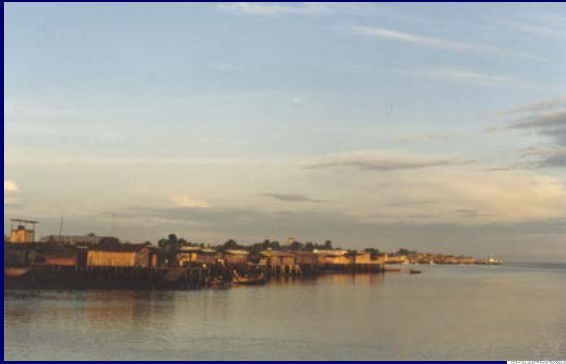




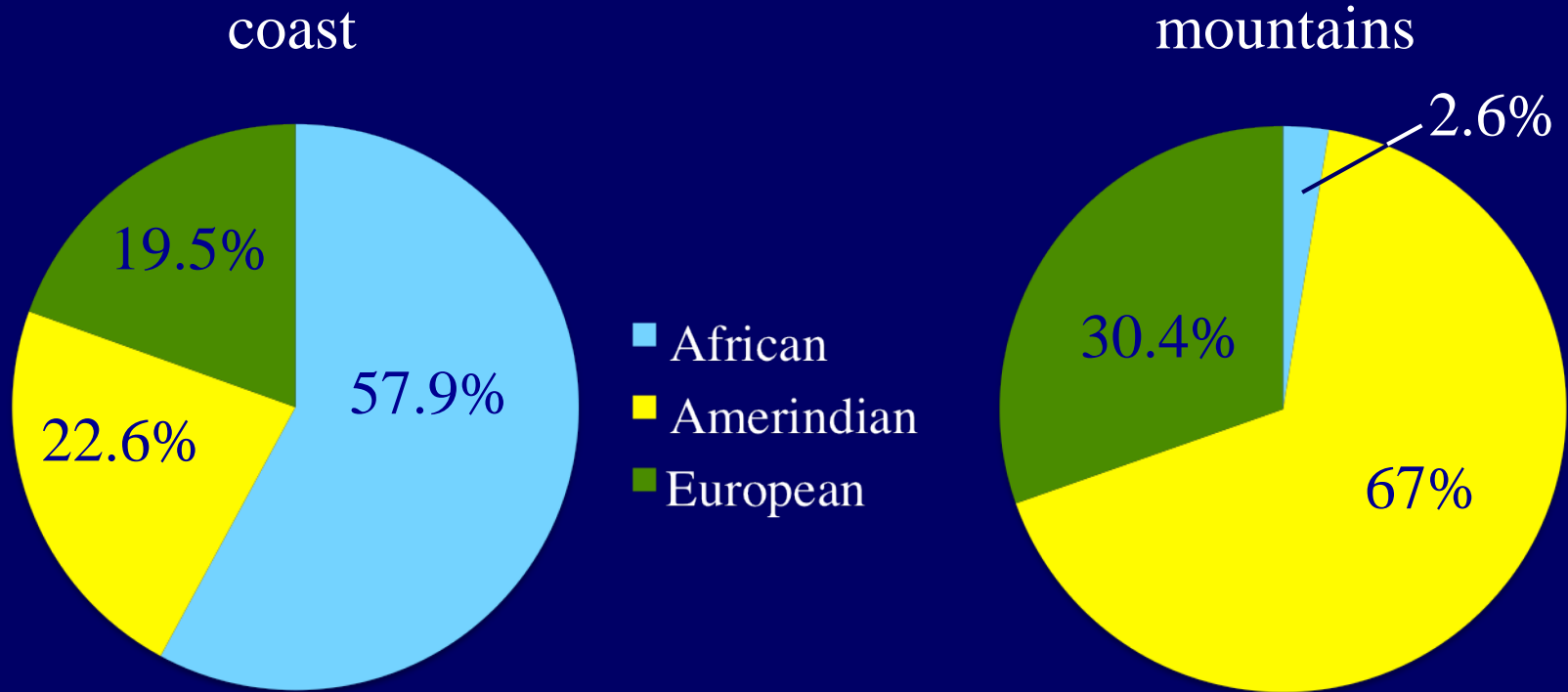
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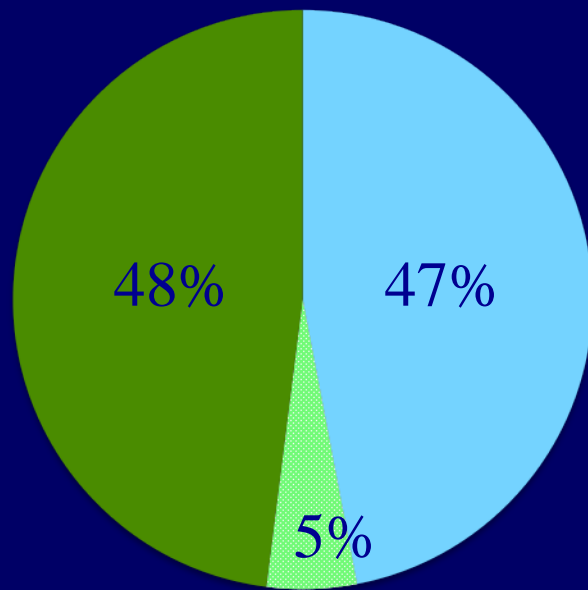


# Mean ancestry of two Colombian populations

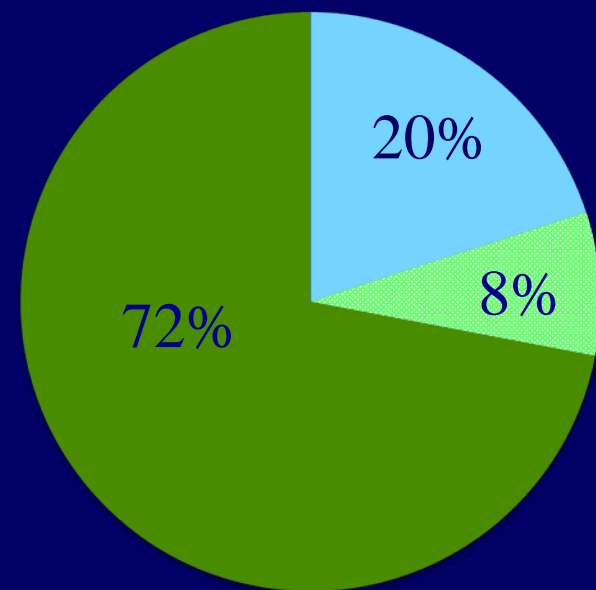


# *H. pylori* ancestry distributions of participants from the coastal and mountain regions

coast



mountains

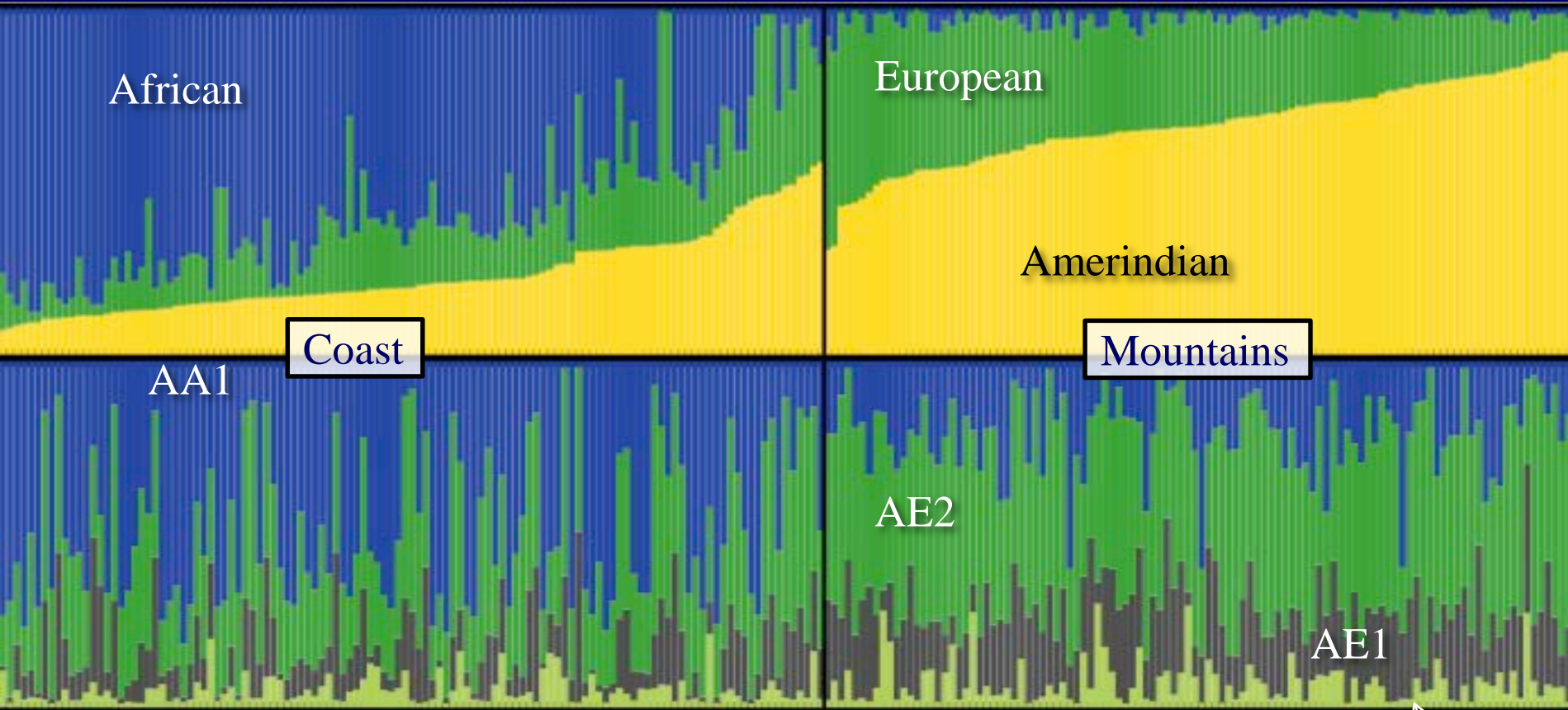


- African
- East Asian
- European



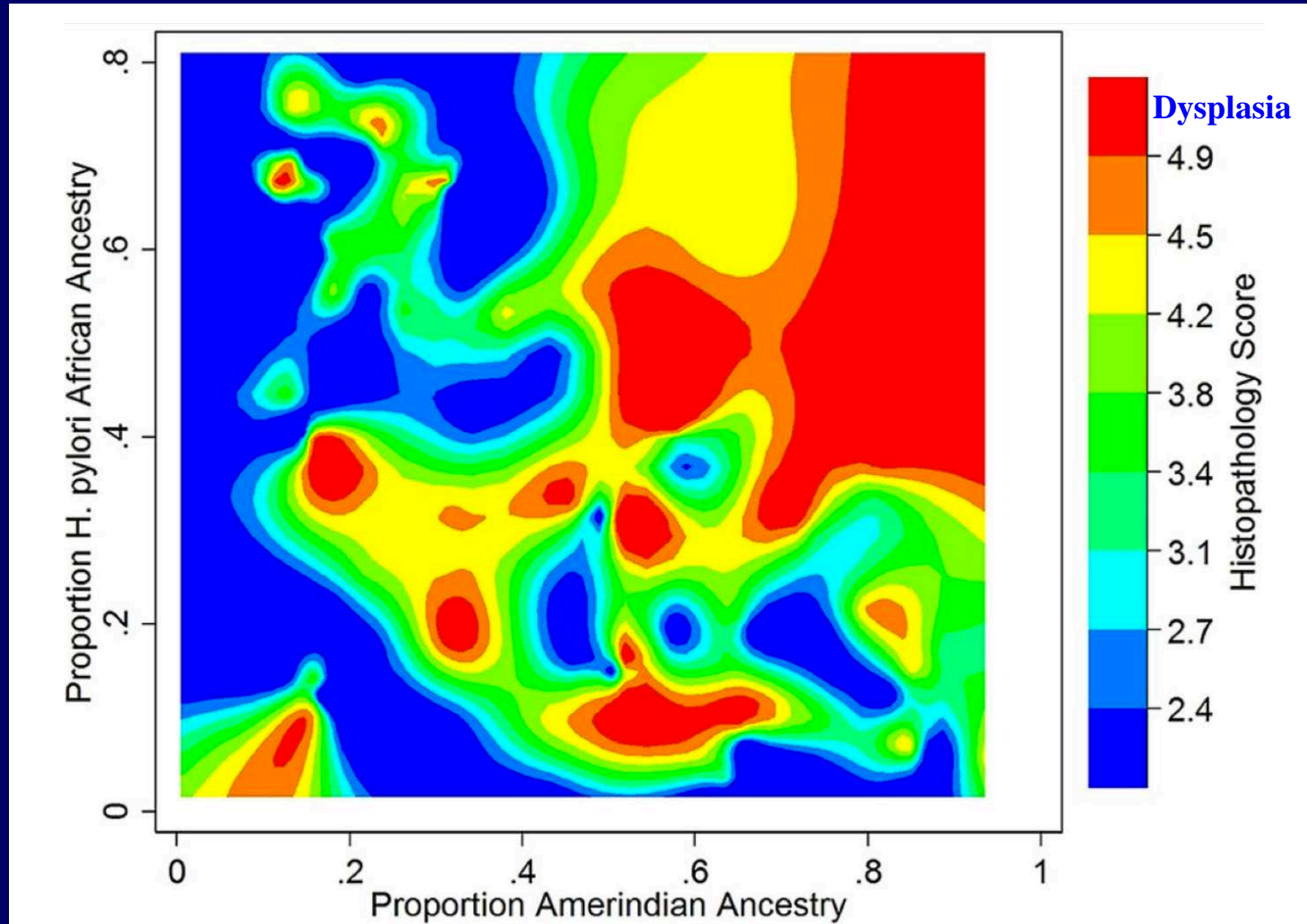
# Admixture proportions of human and corresponding *H. pylori* ancestry

Human ancestry



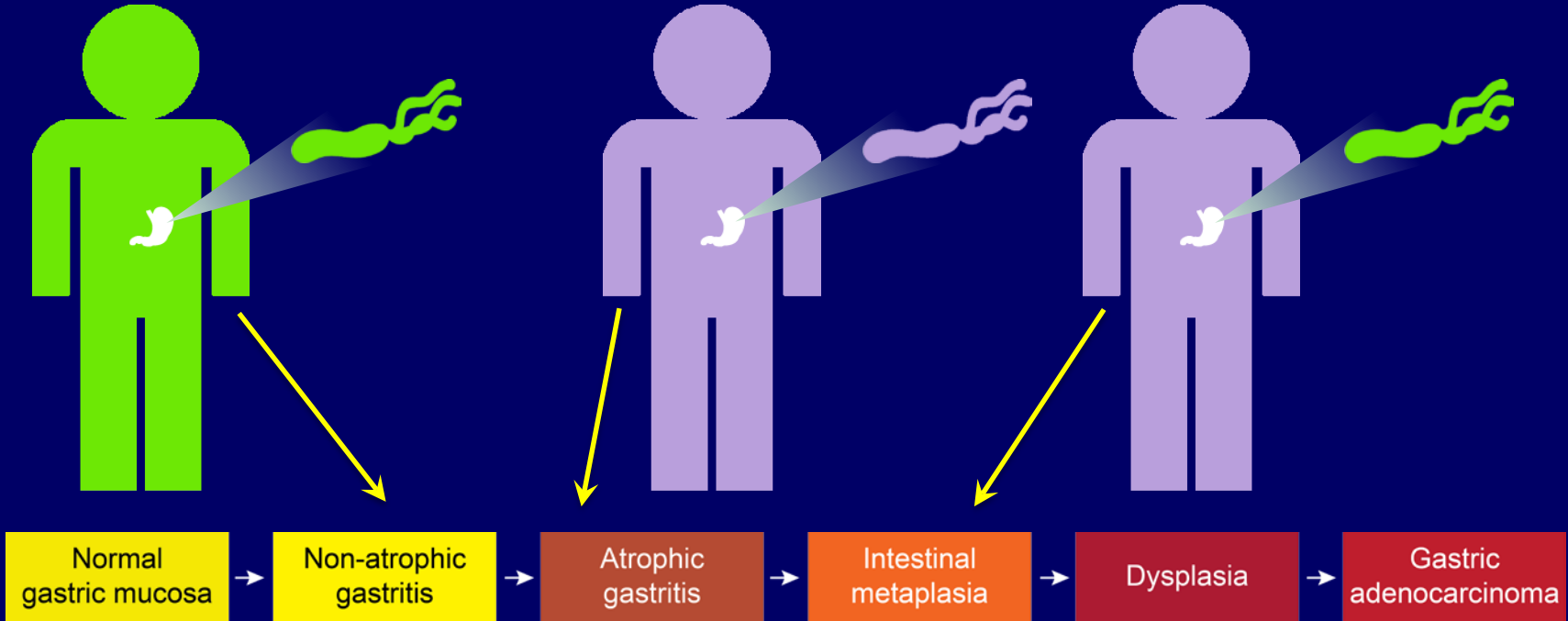
*H. pylori* ancestry

# Gastric damage as a function of Amerindian human and African *H. pylori* ancestry interactions in a Colombian population



# Interactions between *H. pylori* and human host genetic ancestry and histologic progression to gastric cancer

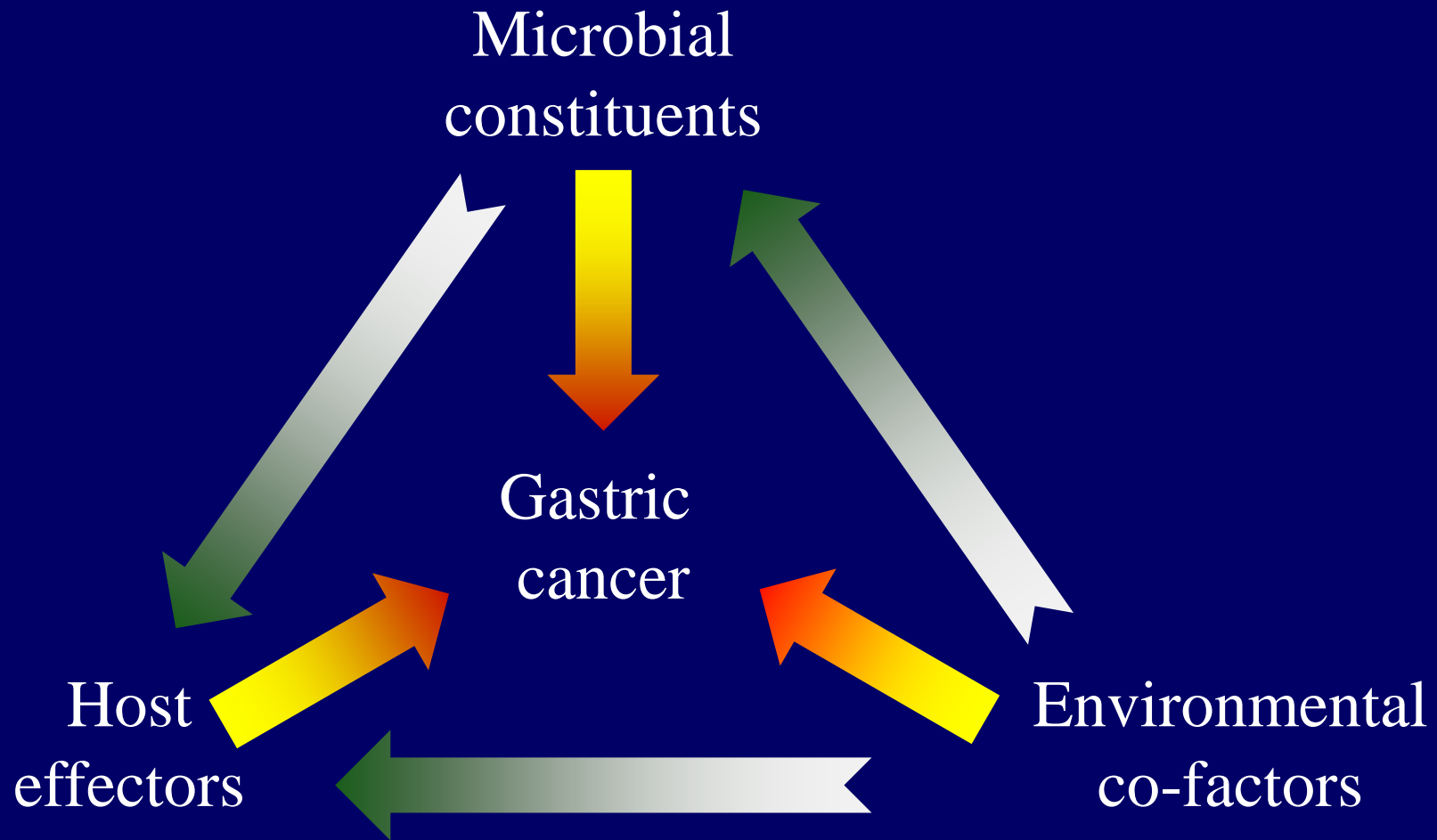
■ African  
■ Amerindian



Severity of disease

Amieva and Peek, *Gastroenterology*

# *H. pylori*-induced gastric cancer: an axis of evil





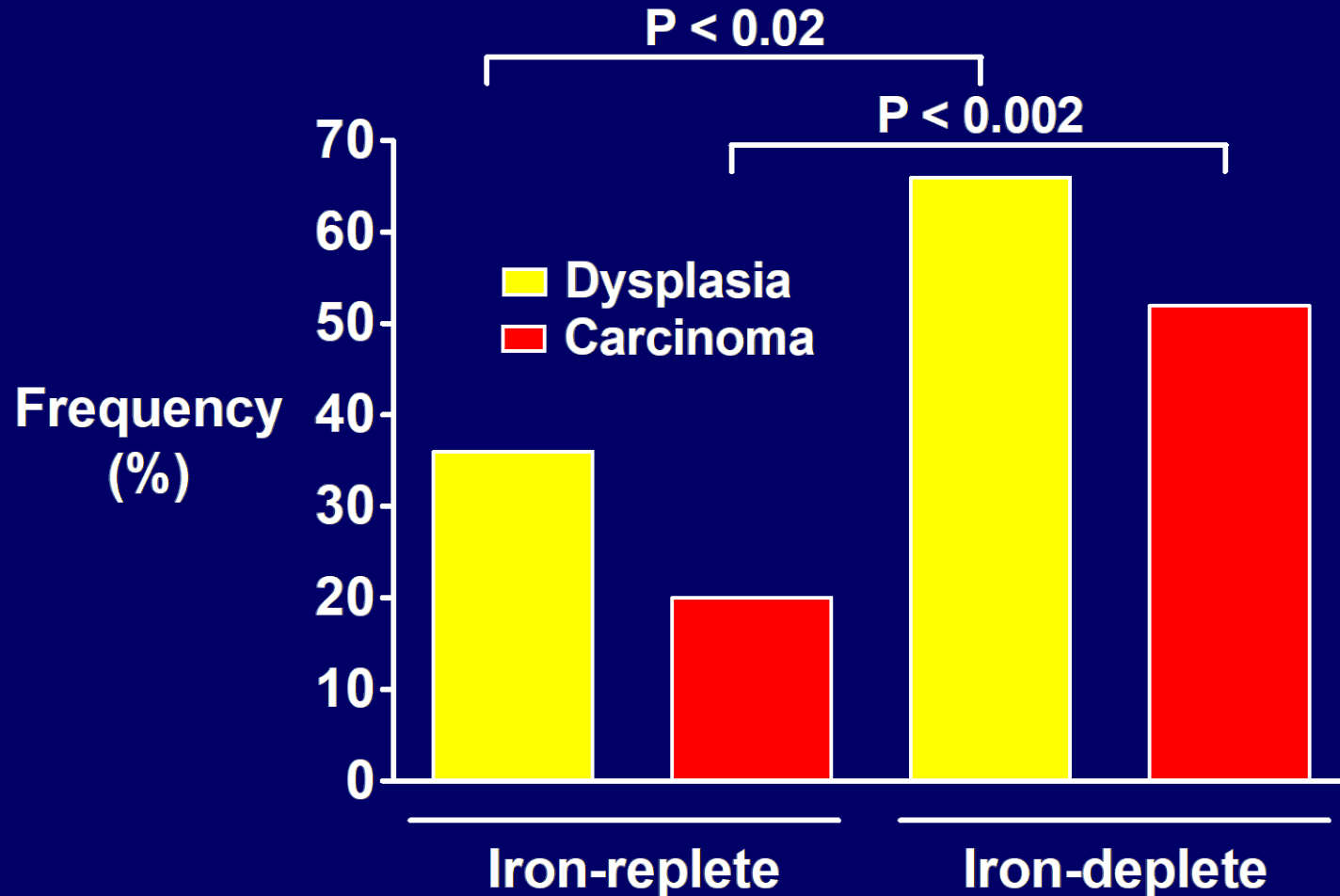
Can dietary components change the balance between *H. pylori*'s activity as a commensal or a pathogen via direct modification of microbial virulence?

# Iron deficiency increases the risk for gastric cancer

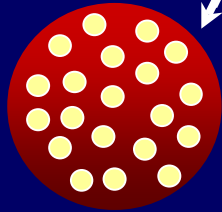
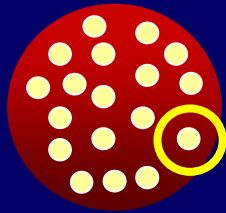
*H. pylori* infection is associated with iron deficiency,  
which affects 30% of the world's population

Iron deficiency is associated with a high incidence of  
Preneoplastic gastric lesions  
Gastric adenocarcinoma

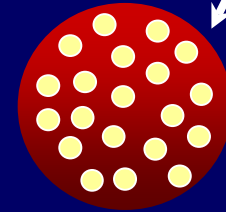
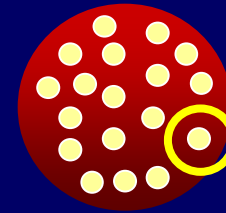
# Dietary iron depletion increases gastric dysplasia and cancer in rodents



# Isolation of *in vivo*-adapted *H. pylori* strains



*In vivo*-adapted strains  
Iron-replete gerbils

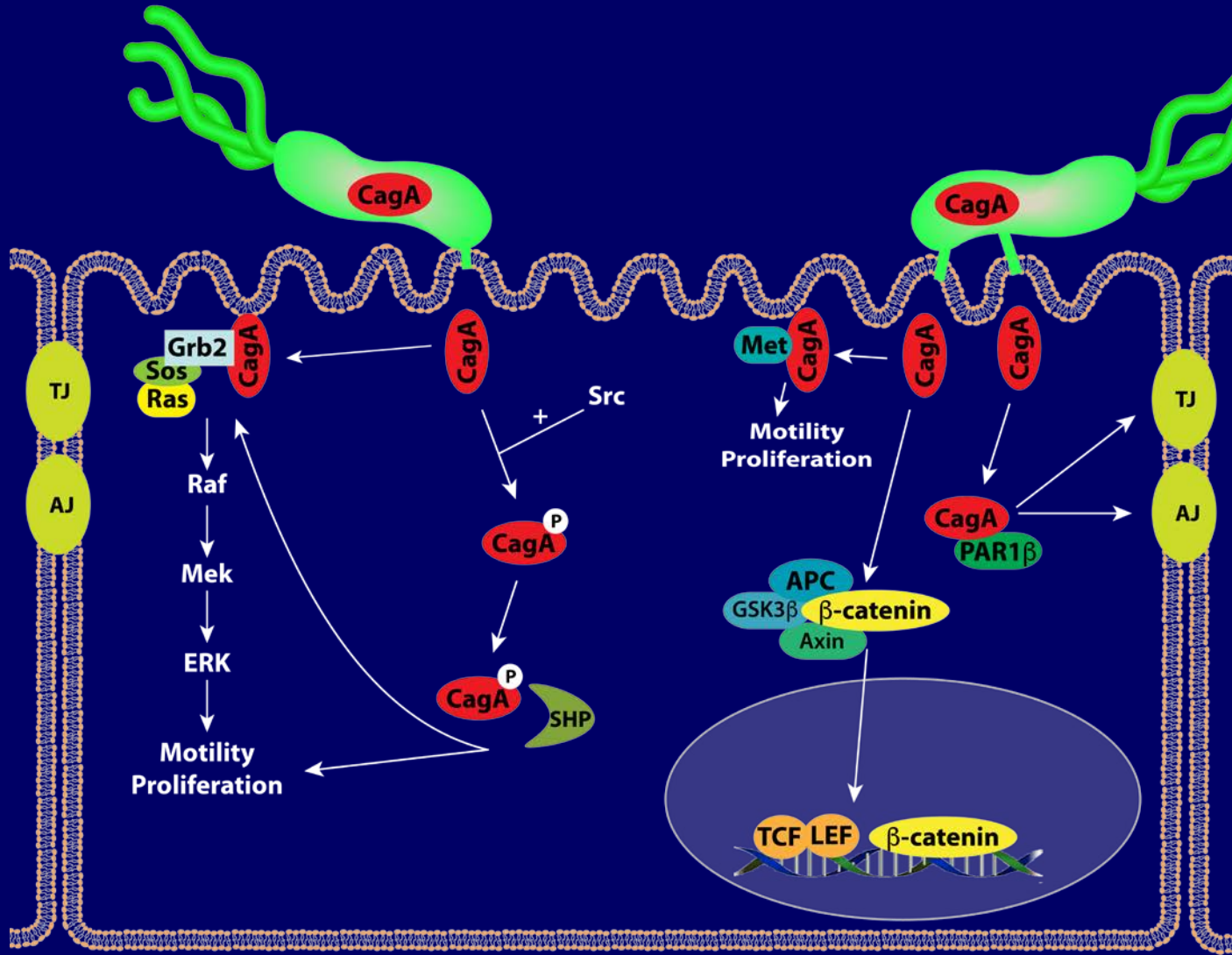


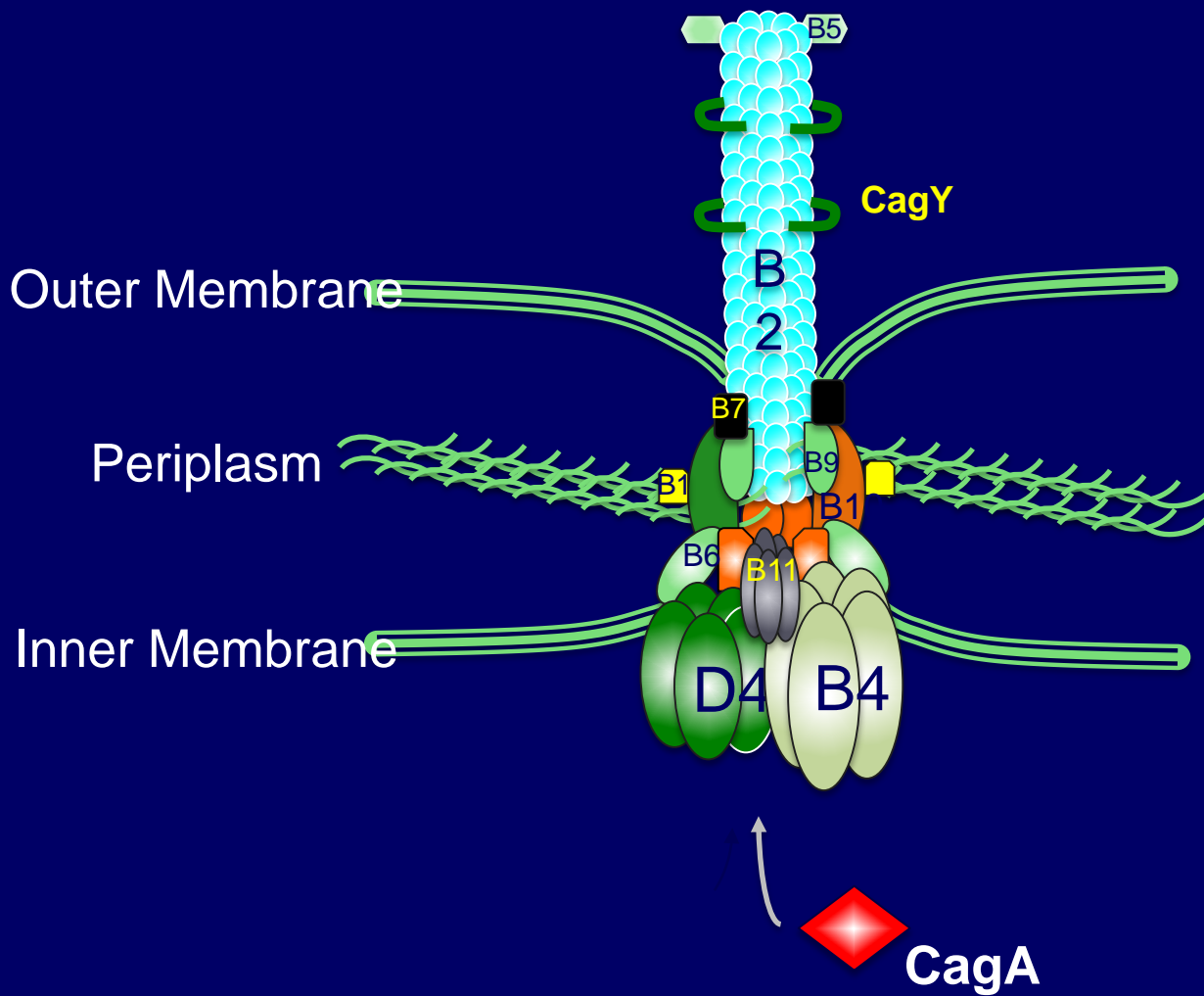
*In vivo*-adapted strains  
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# SNPs identified following *in vivo*-adaptation to conditions of iron deficiency

Gene	Function	HPB8 locus
Putative OMP	Outer membrane protein	593
Putative OMP	Outer membrane protein	626
<i>cagY</i>	Type IV secretion system	716
<i>oipA</i>	Outer inflammatory protein	838
Putative OMP	Outer membrane protein	1104
Putative OMP	Outer membrane protein	1139
<i>fur</i>	Ferric uptake regulator	1145

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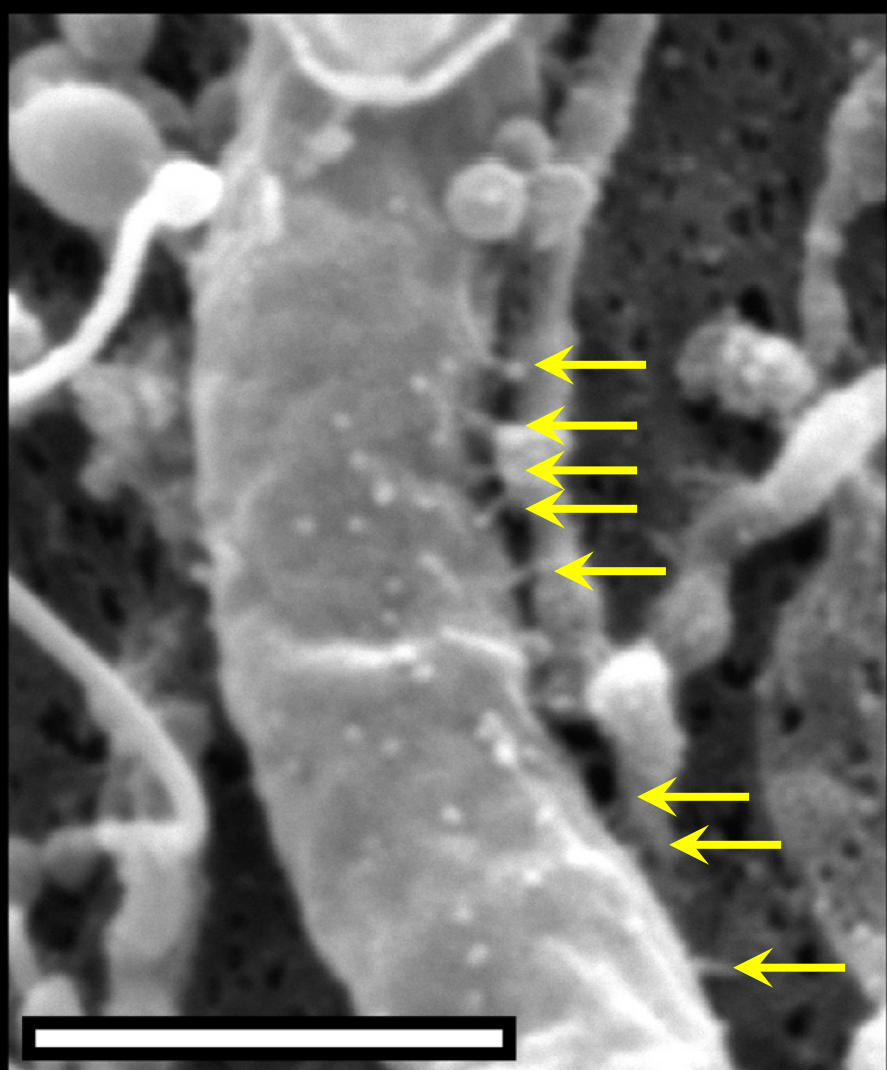
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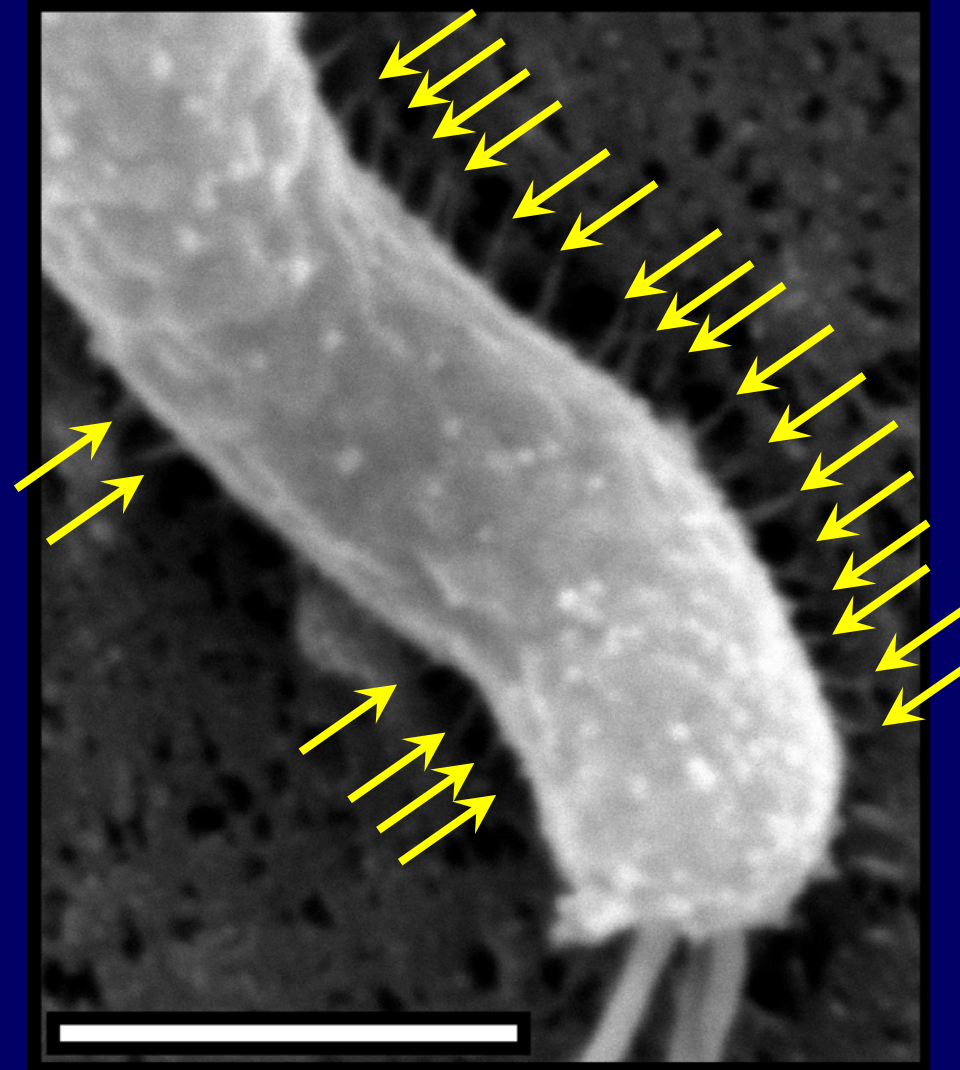


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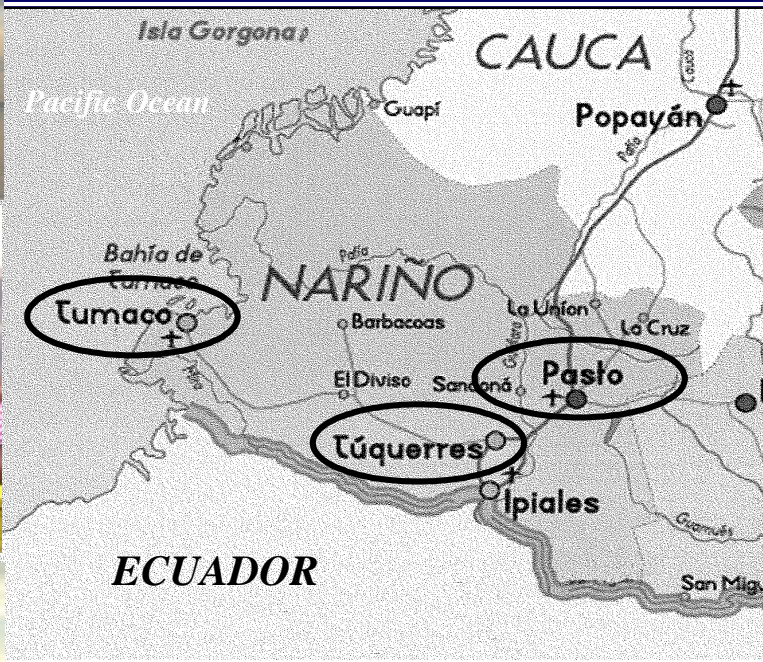
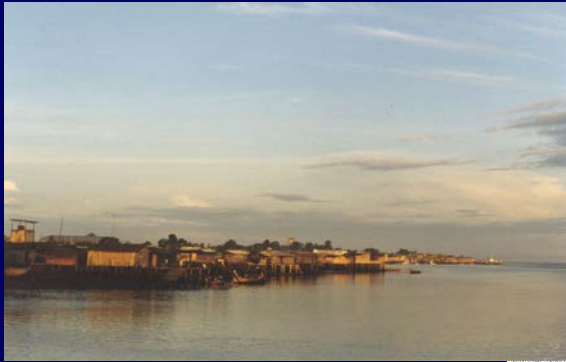




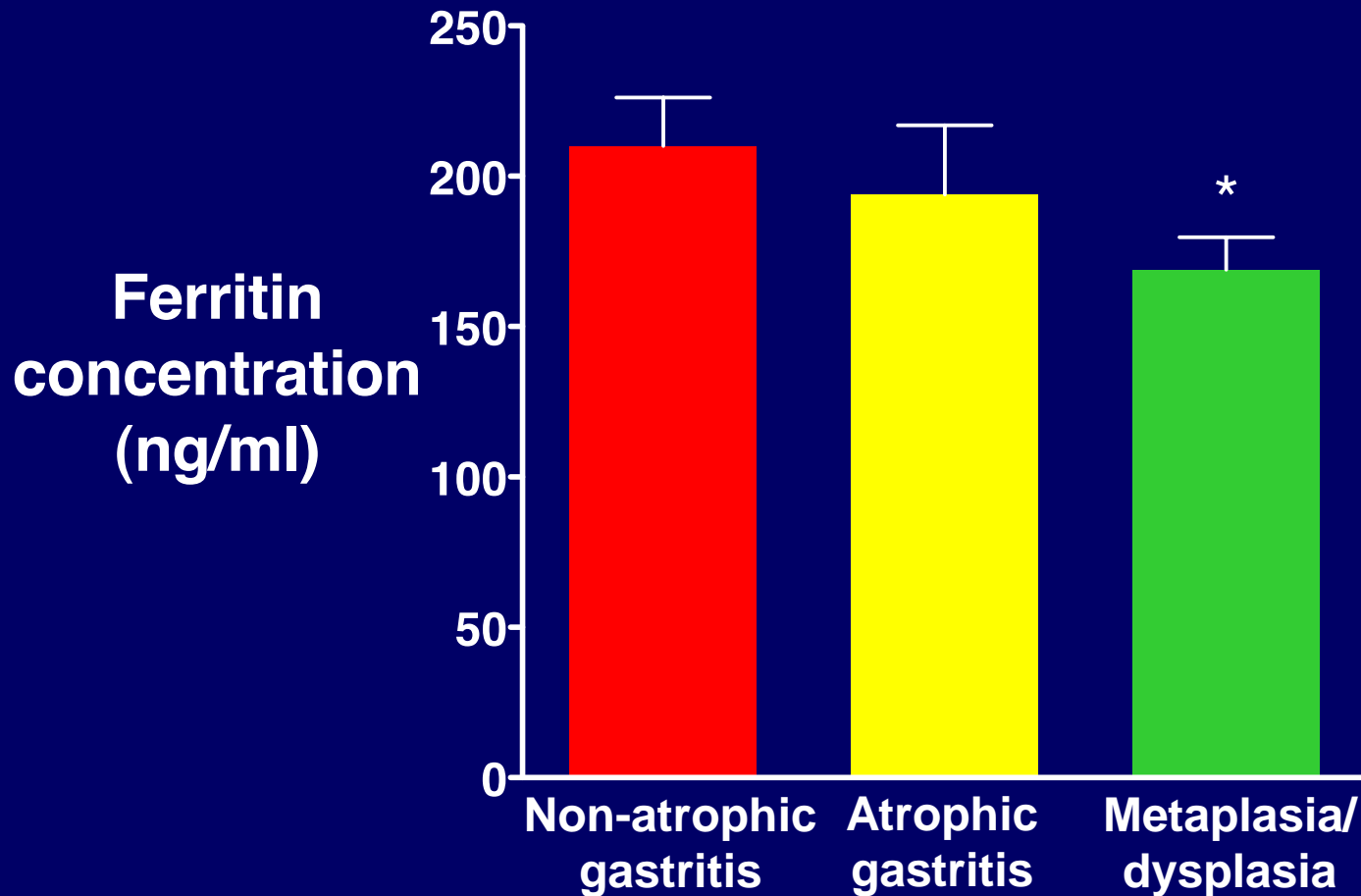
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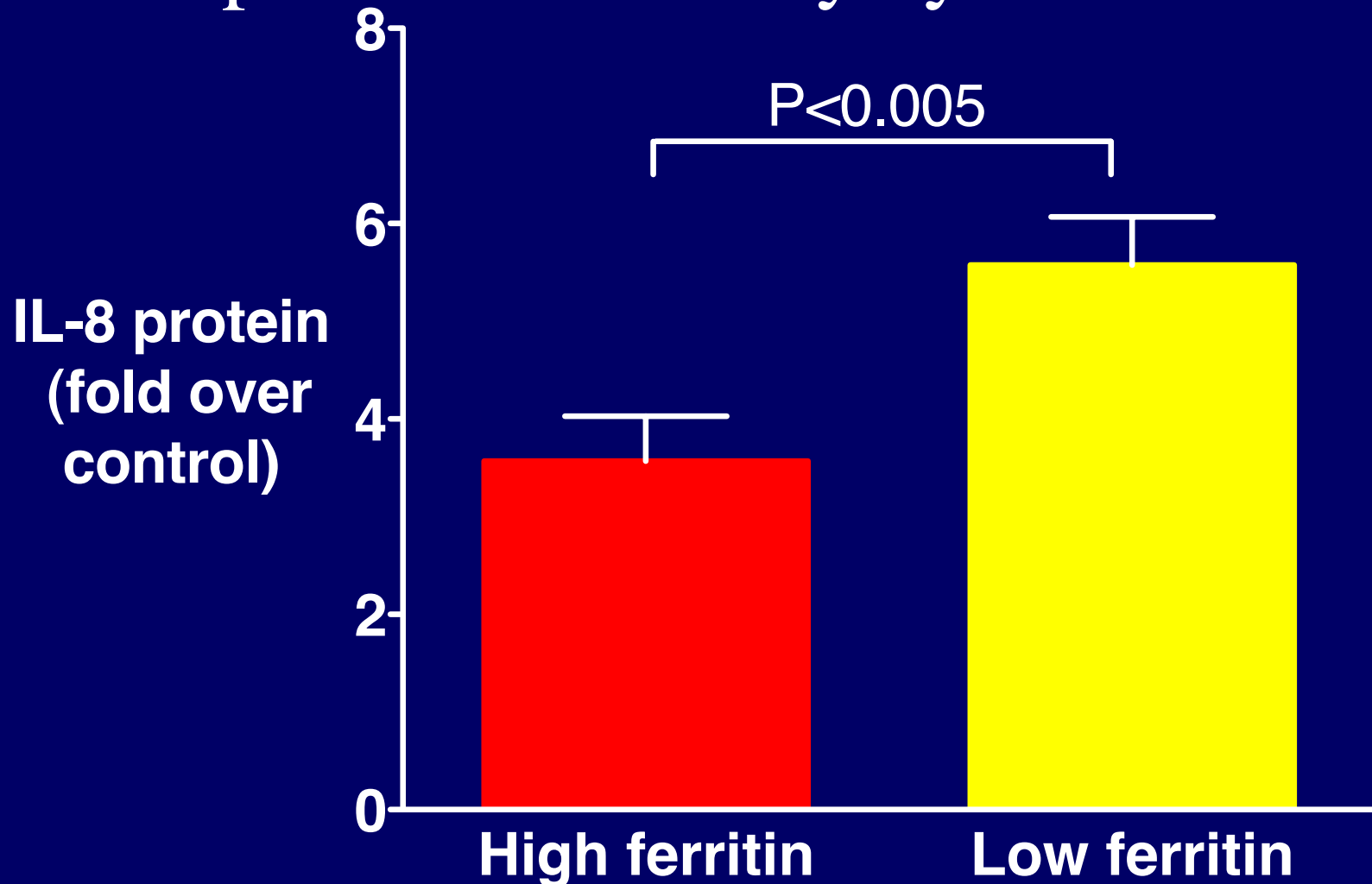
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# Iron deficiency parallels the severity of *H. pylori*-induced premalignant lesions in human populations

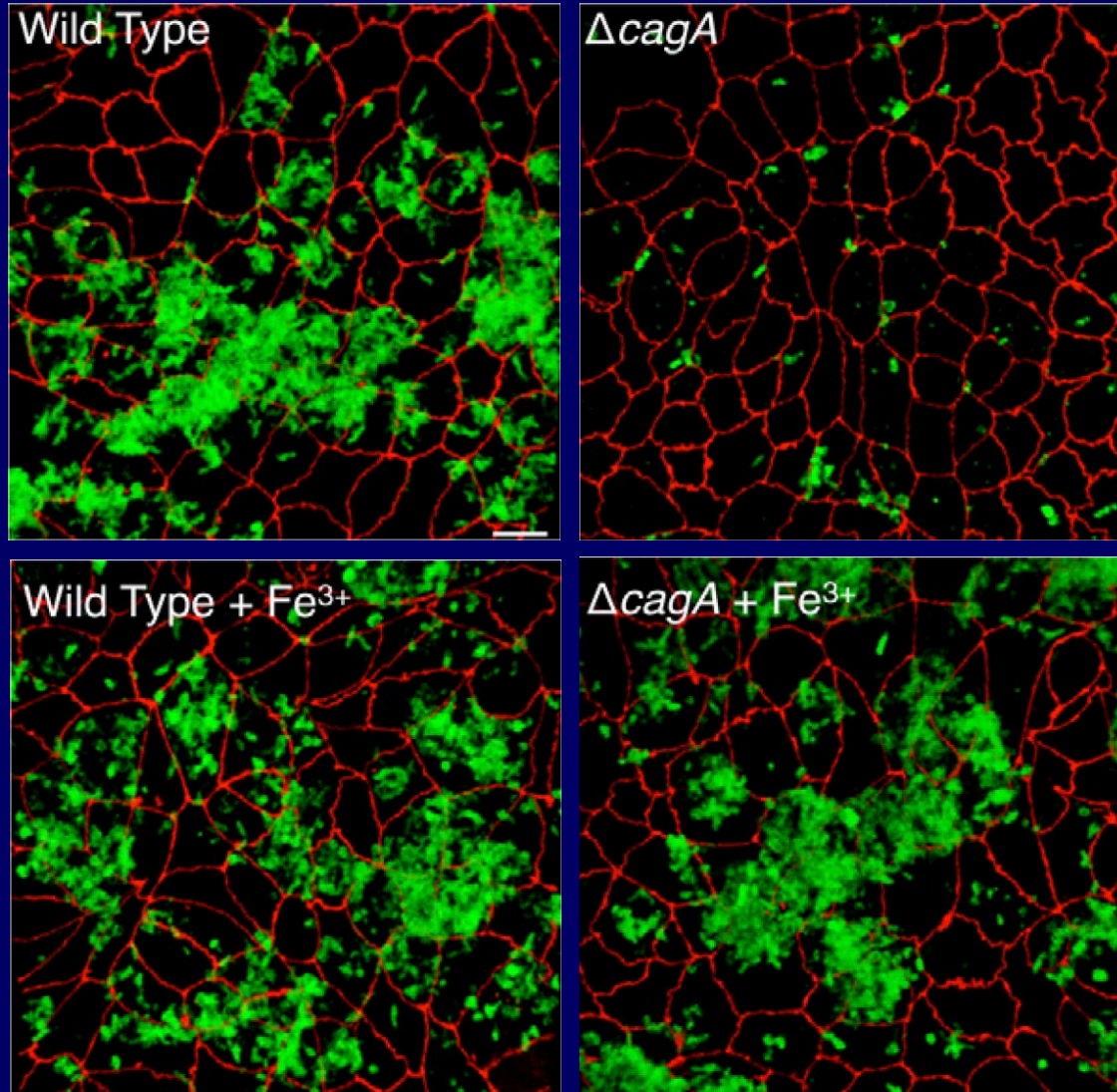


*H. pylori* isolated from patients with low ferritin levels induce increased levels of pro-inflammatory cytokines

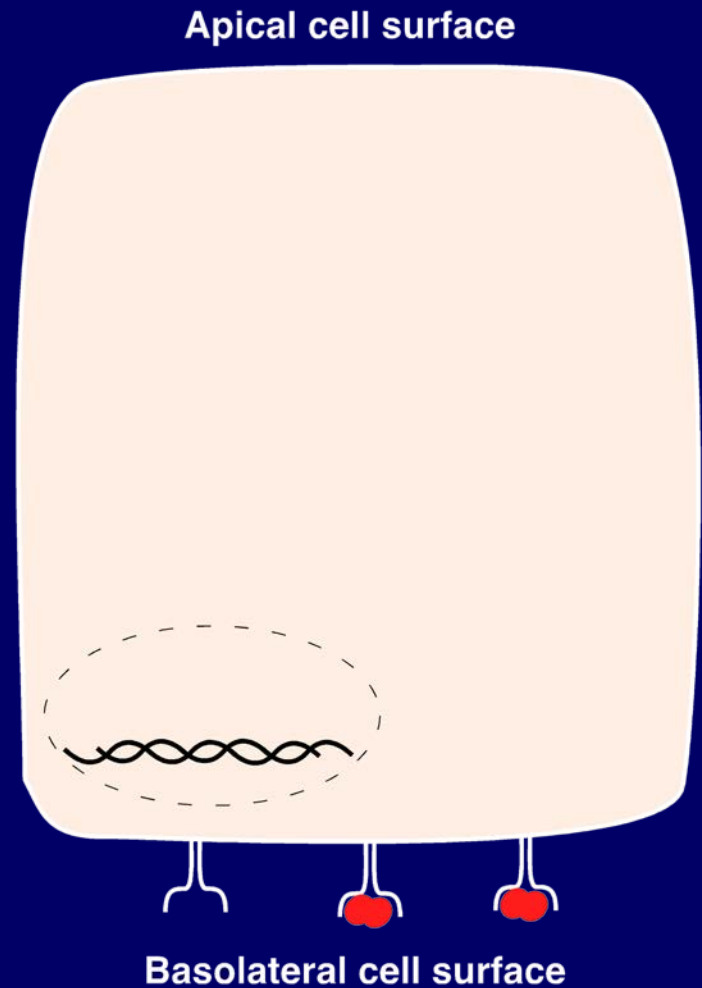
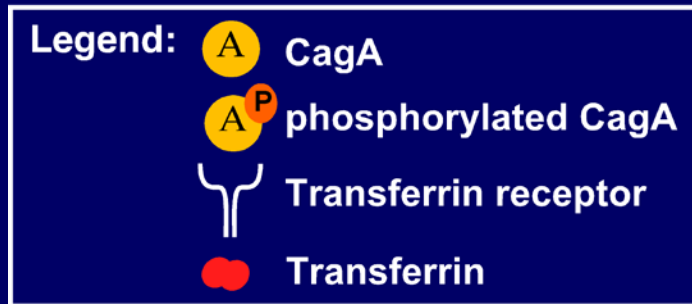




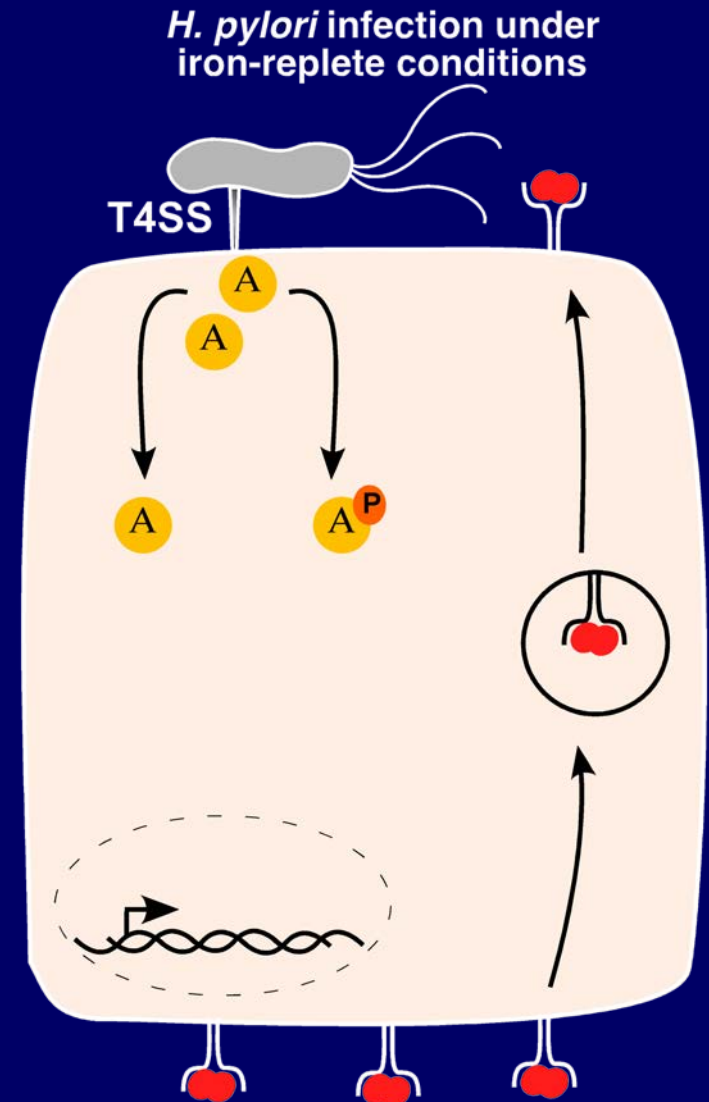
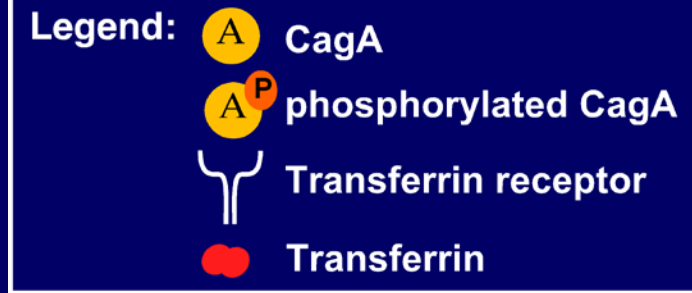
# *H. pylori* colonization of polarized epithelium



# Model of *H. pylori*-induced transferrin recycling under conditions of iron depletion

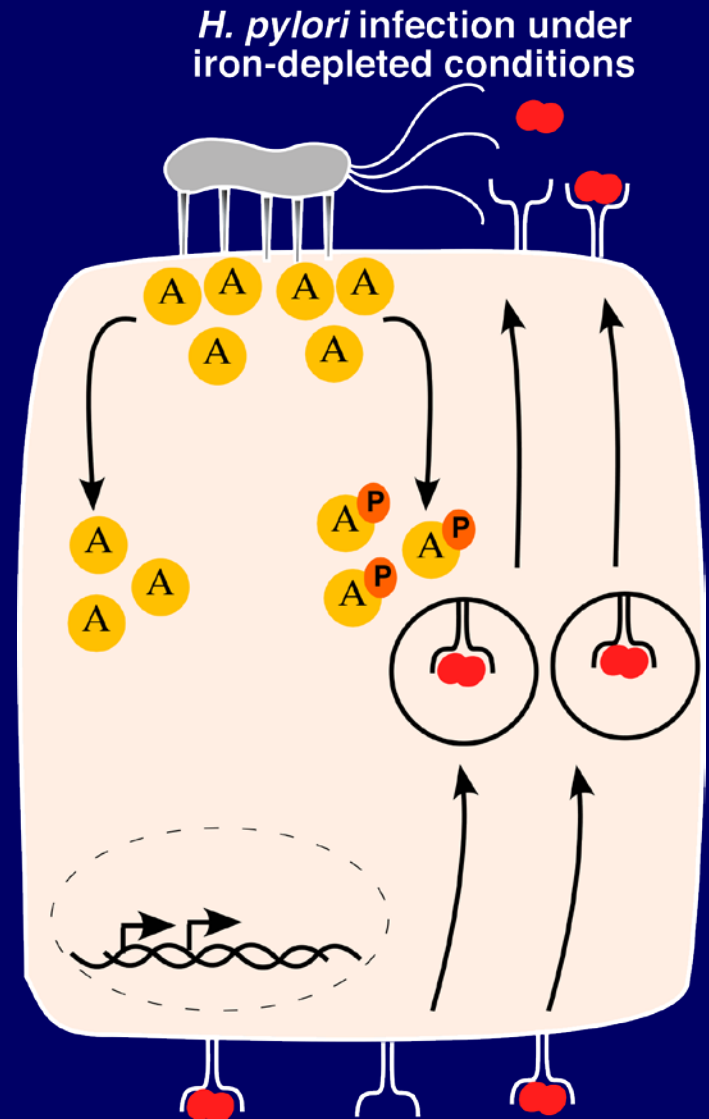
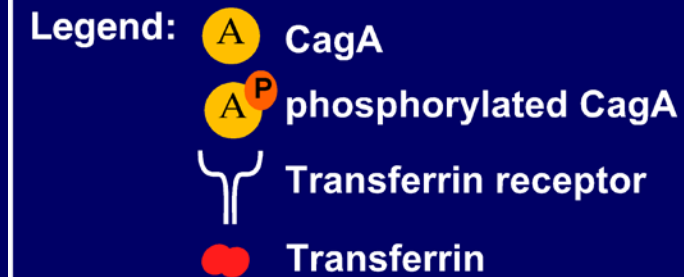


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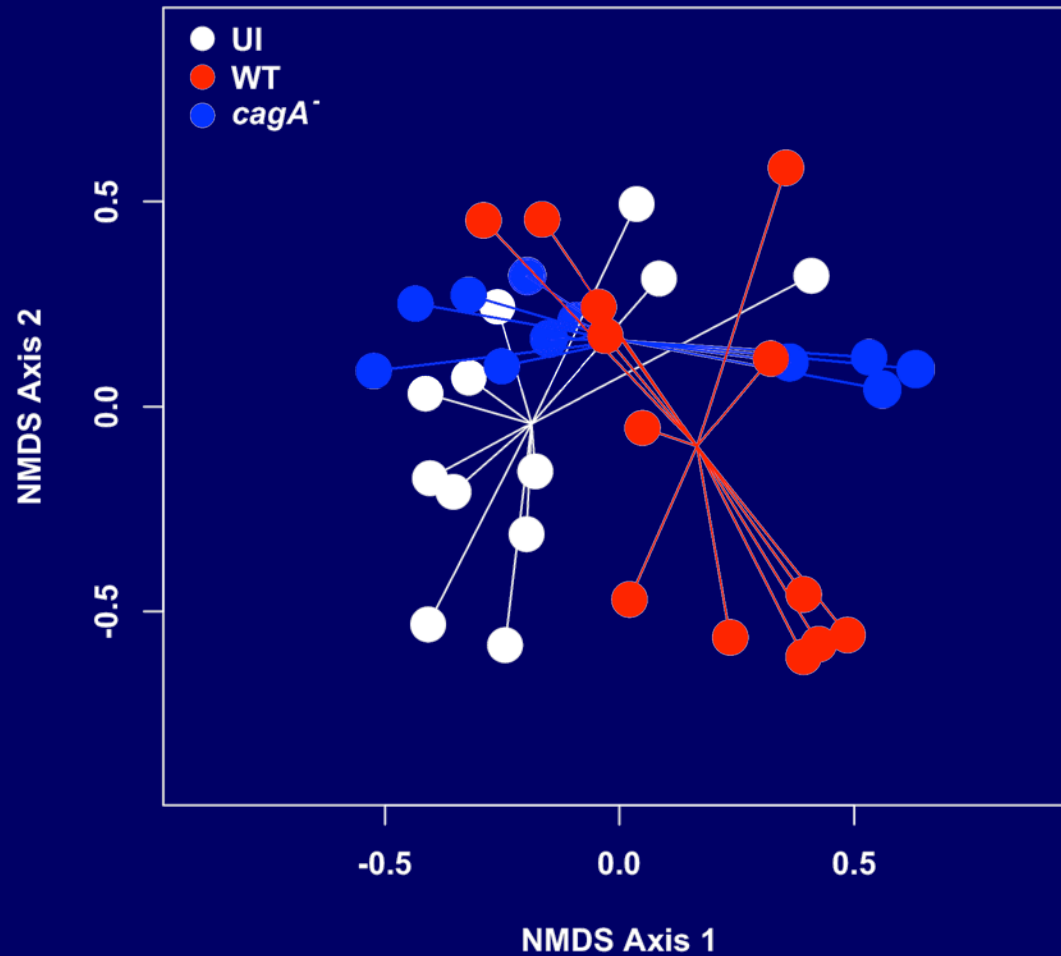
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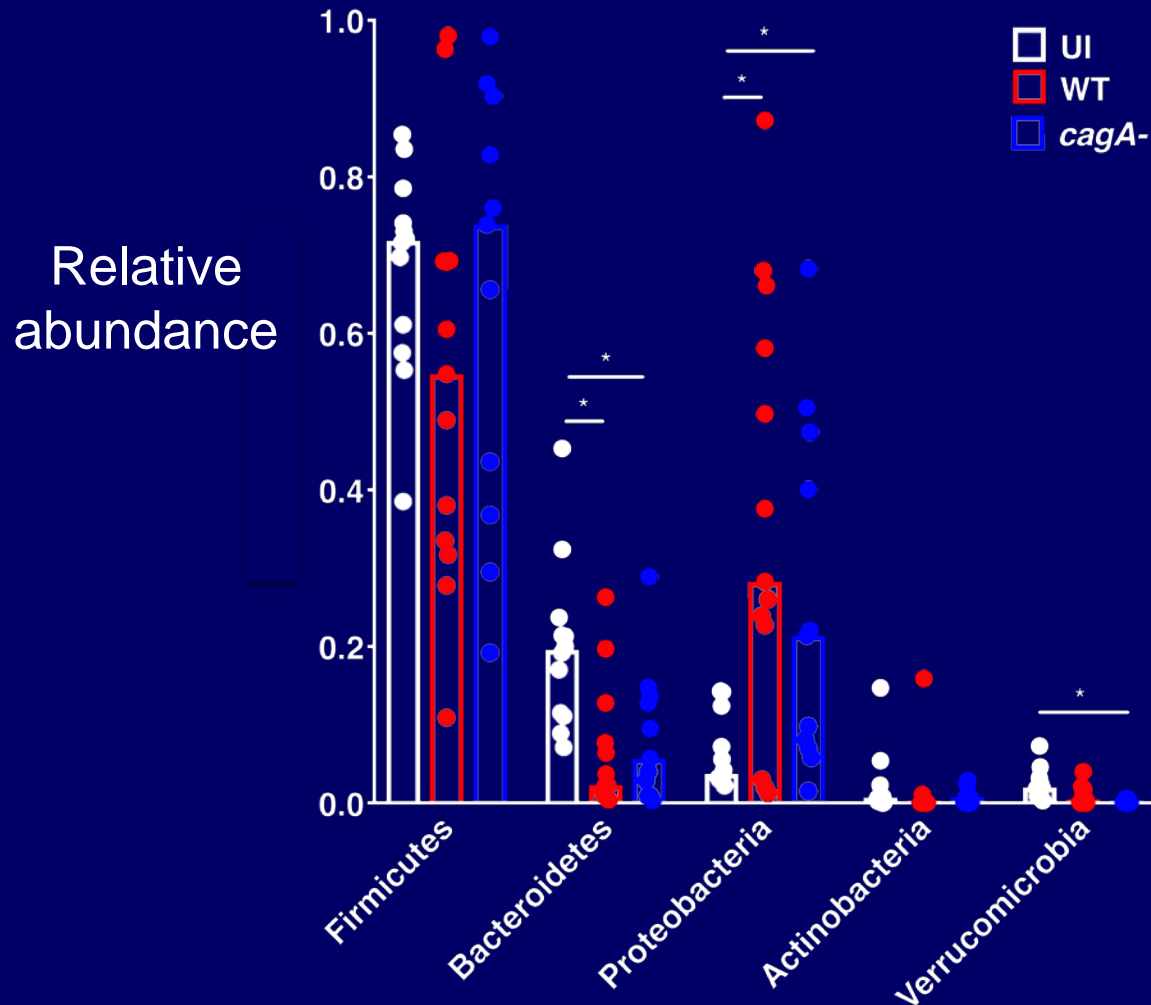
Efficacy of *H. pylori* eradication therapy  
at 15 years of follow-up: 47%

Can strain-specific *H. pylori*  
factors alter the structure and  
composition of the gastric  
microbiota?

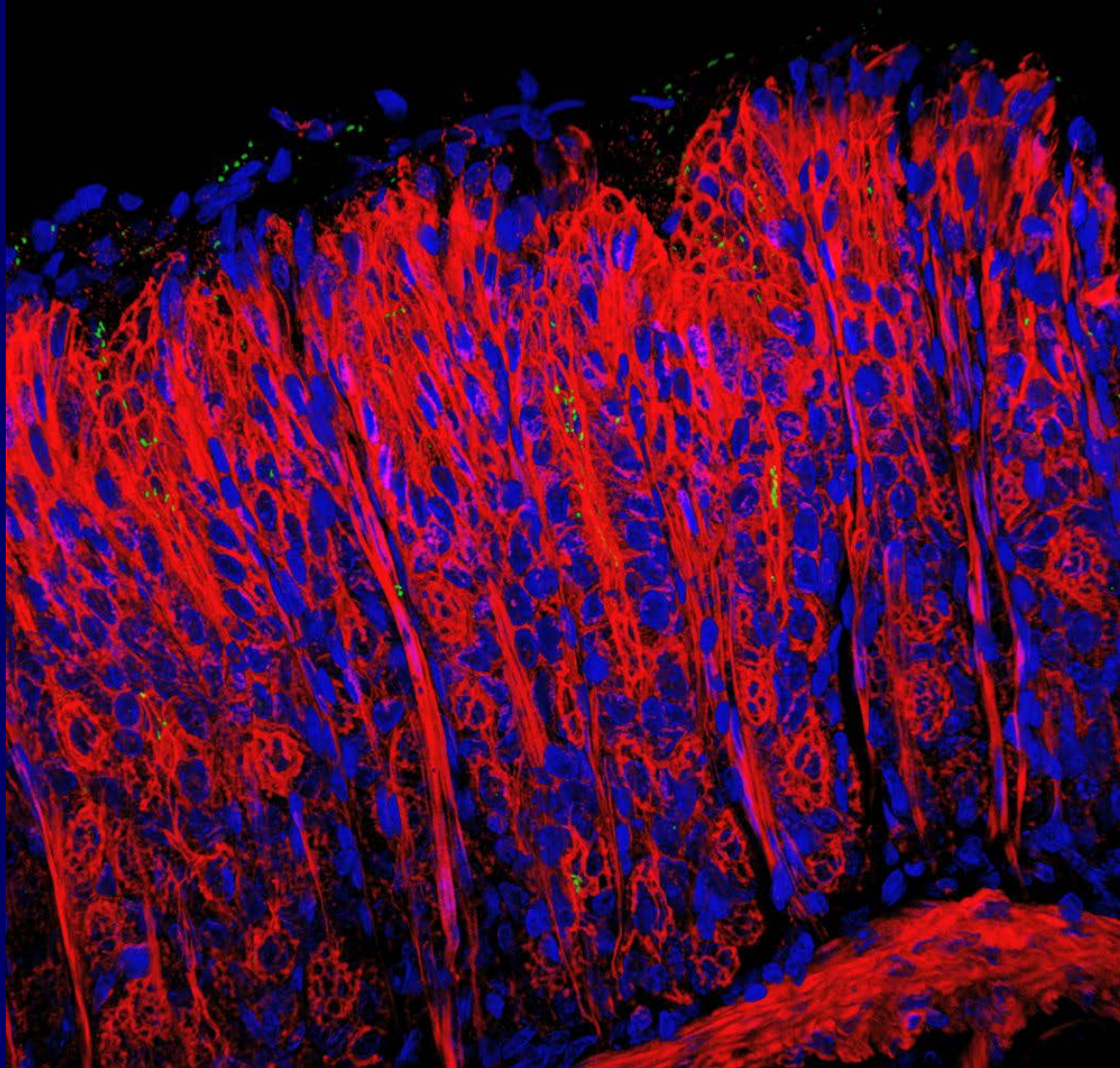
# *H. pylori* infection alters the gastric mucosal microbiota in a *cagA*-dependent manner



# Presence of CagA alters composition of the gastric microbiota, when stratified by phyla levels, in *H. pylori*-infected gerbils

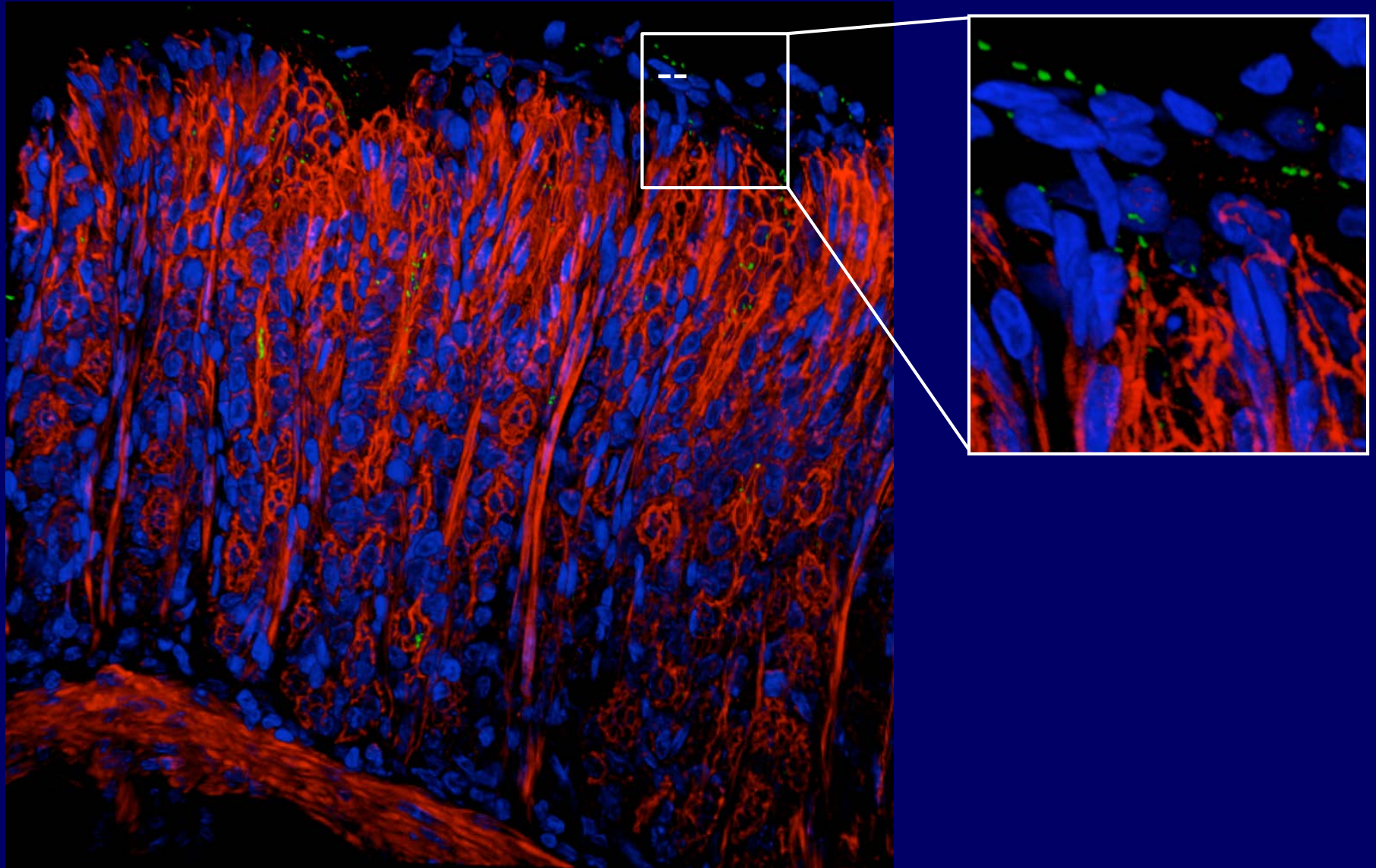


# *H. pylori* localization within gerbil gastric mucosa



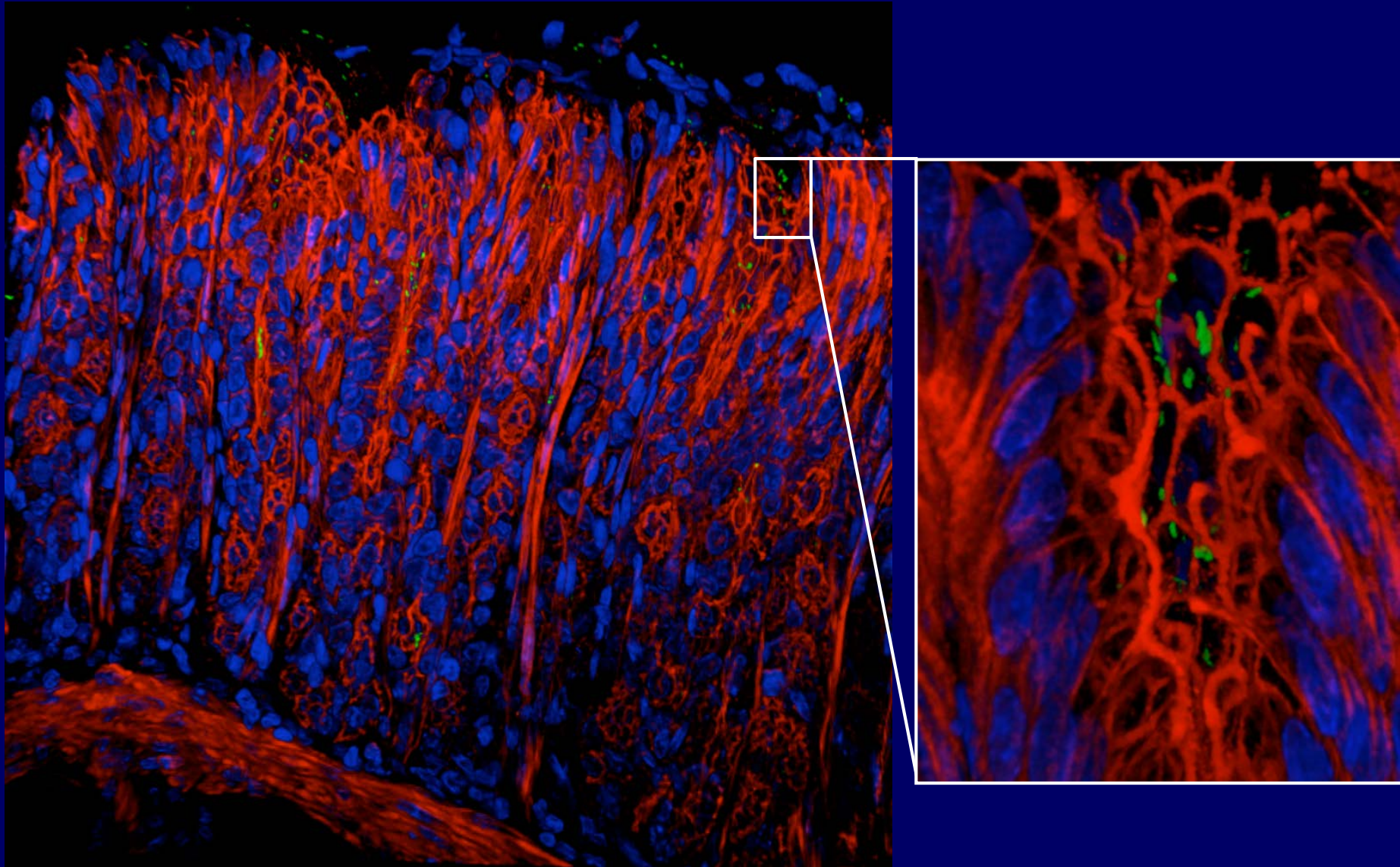


*H. pylori* 7.13 associates with the mucus layer  
under iron-replete and -deplete conditions



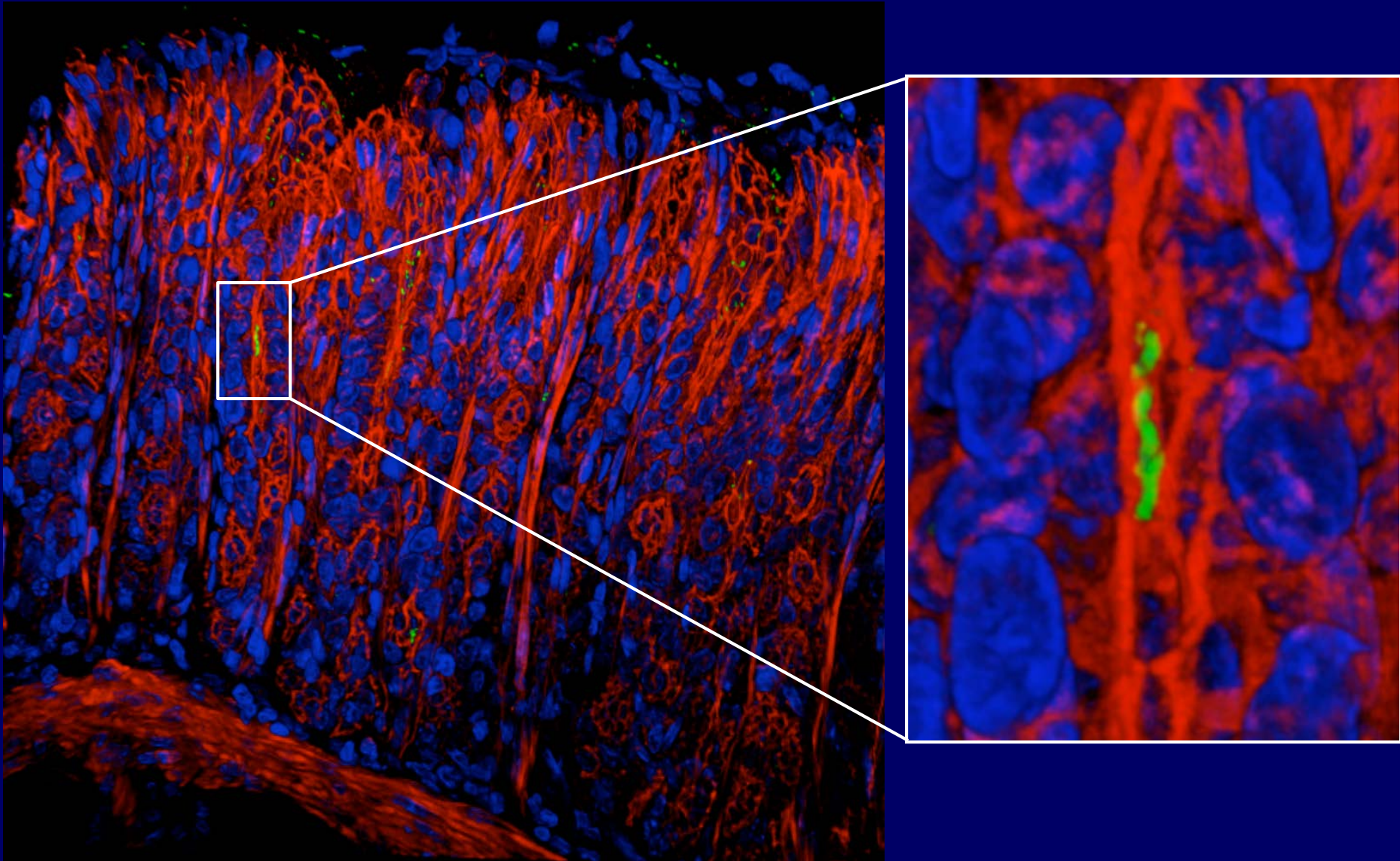


*H. pylori* 7.13 localizes to the pit of the gland under iron-replete and -deplete conditions

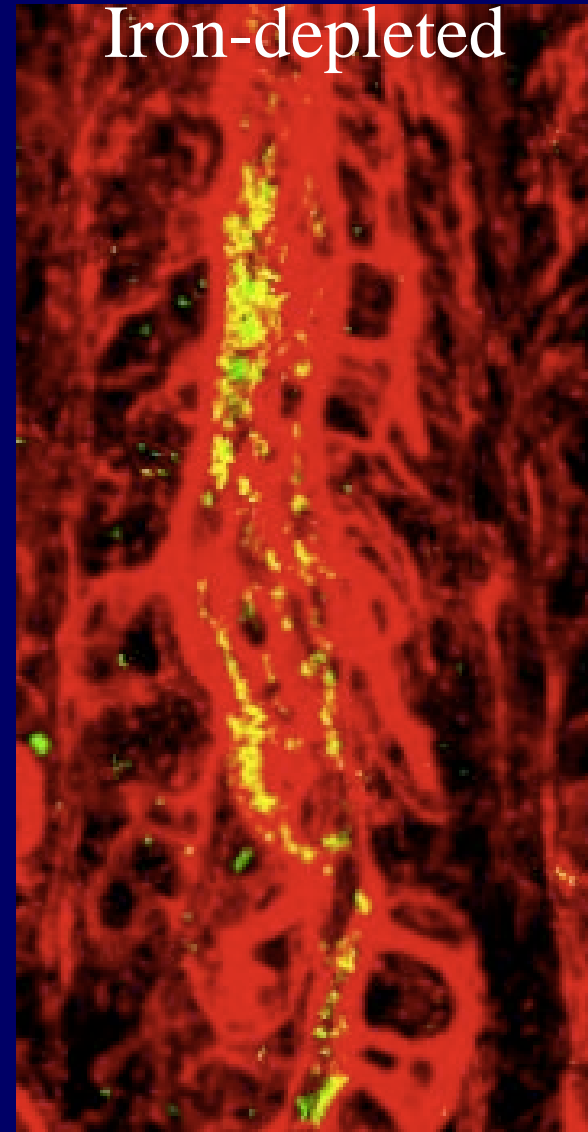
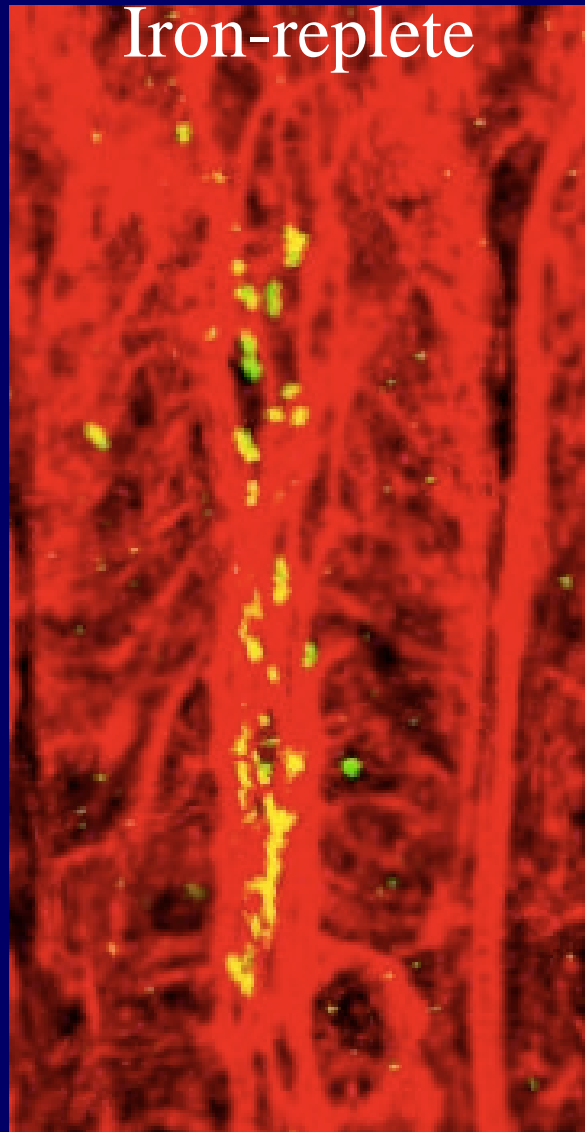




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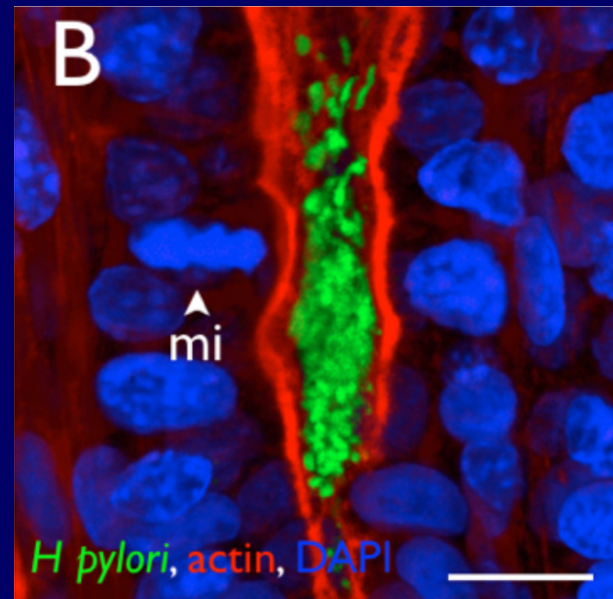
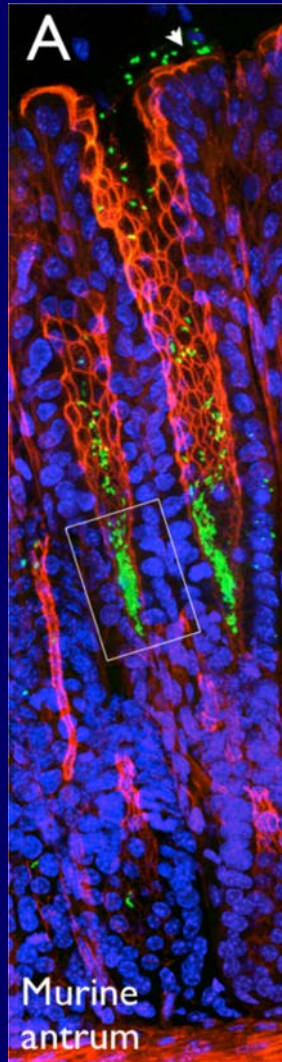


*H. pylori* colonizes stem cell zones at higher levels in iron-depleted conditions



How do pathogenic *H. pylori*  
interact with gastric  
progenitor/stem cells?

# *H. pylori* colonize the progenitor cell compartments of murine gastric glands







# Lrig1<sup>+</sup> stem cells and *H. pylori*

Leucine-rich repeats and immunoglobulin-like domains 1 (Lrig1) marks a population of quiescent stem cells.

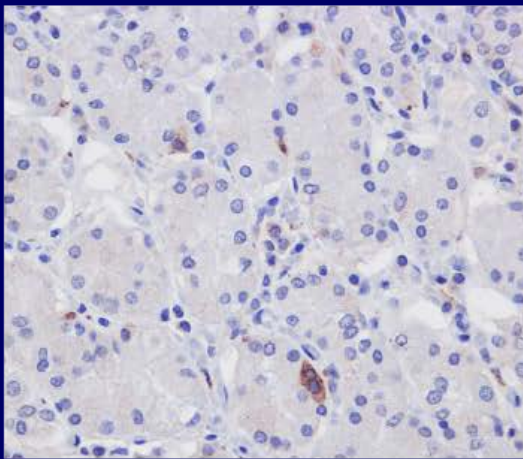
Lrig1 functions as an inducible, negative feedback inhibitor of pan EGFR signaling.

Present in both antral and corpus epithelium and expression is increased in infected mice (Noto et al.).

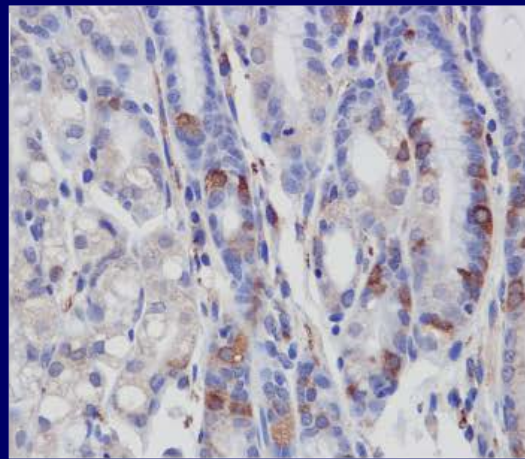
Loss of one *Apc* allele in Lrig1<sup>+</sup> cells, thereby increasing  $\beta$ -catenin activation, uniformly leads to gastric hyperproliferation, hyperplasia, and dysplasia.



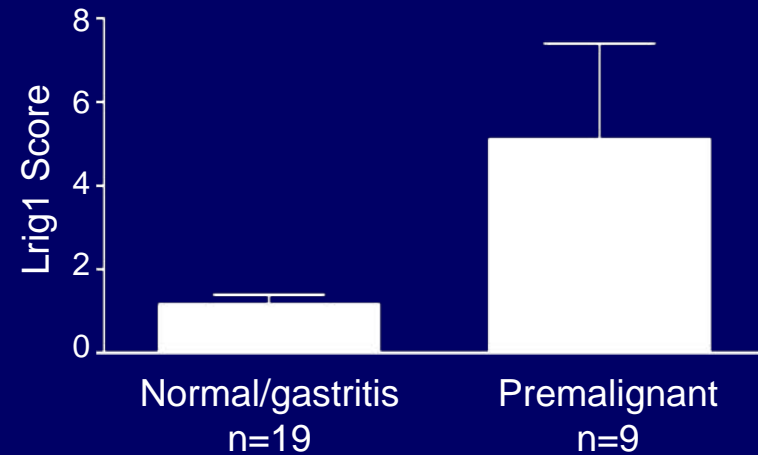
# Lrig1 expression increases in gastric premalignant lesions in humans



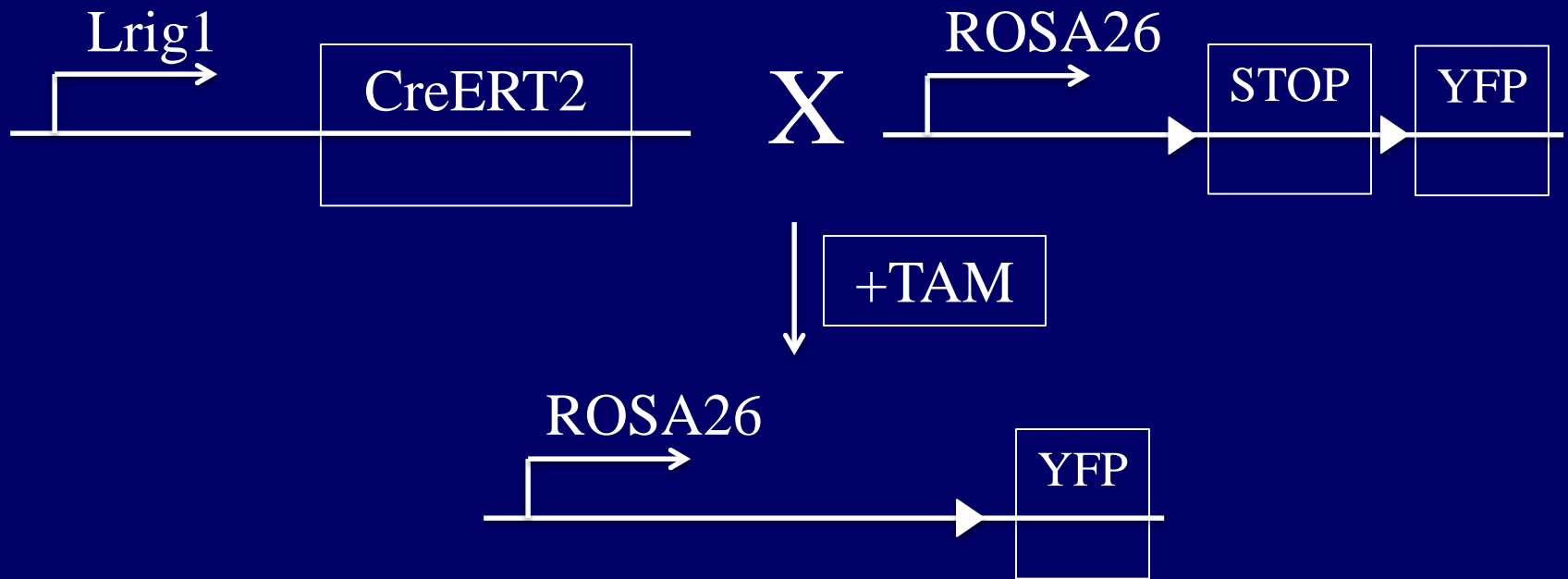
Gastritis alone



Atrophic gastritis



# Lrig1 lineage tracing mouse model

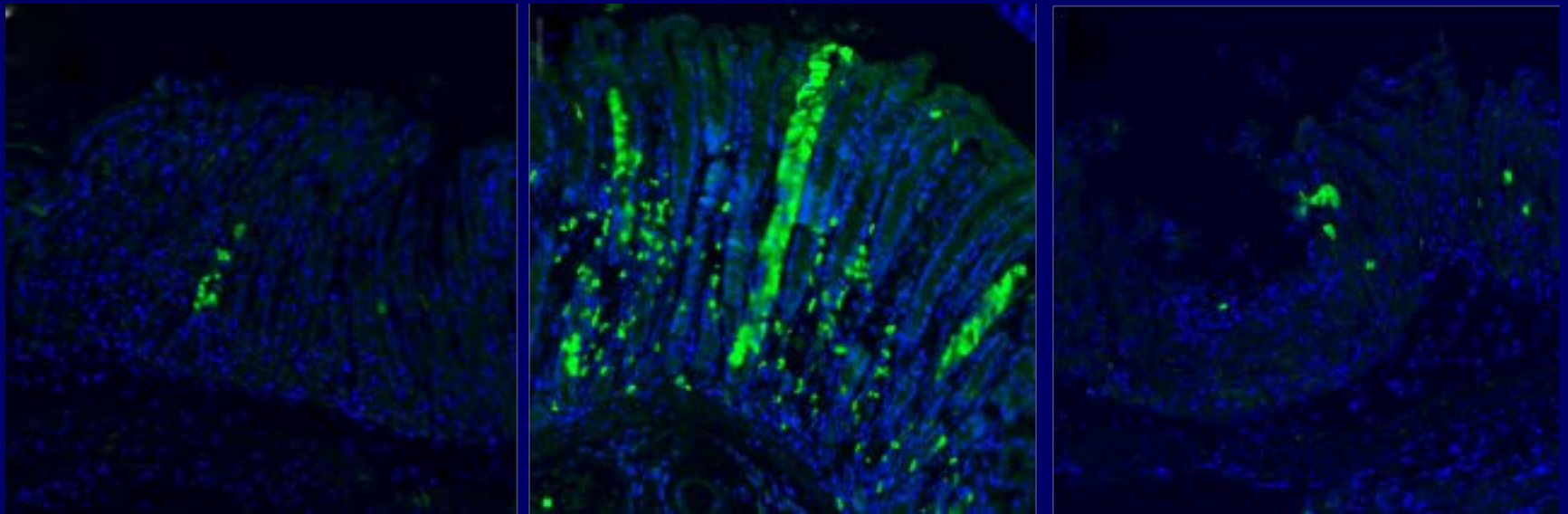


2mg tamoxifen i.p.

Infect with *H. pylori* wild-type *cag*<sup>+</sup> strain or  
*H. pylori* isogenic *cag*<sup>-</sup> mutant

2 week and 8 week infection

# *H. pylori* increases Lrig1 progenitor activity in a *cag*-dependent manner



Uninfected

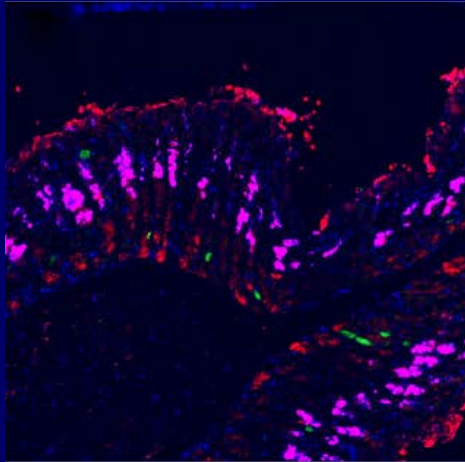
Wild type

*cag*<sup>-</sup>

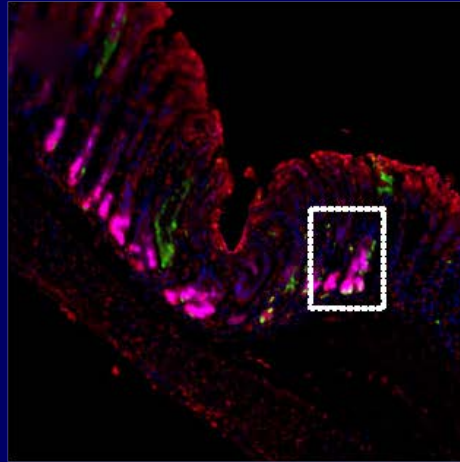
*H. pylori*

# Lrig1 lineage traced cells co-localize with chief cells and SPEM cells in response to *cag*<sup>+</sup> *H. pylori*

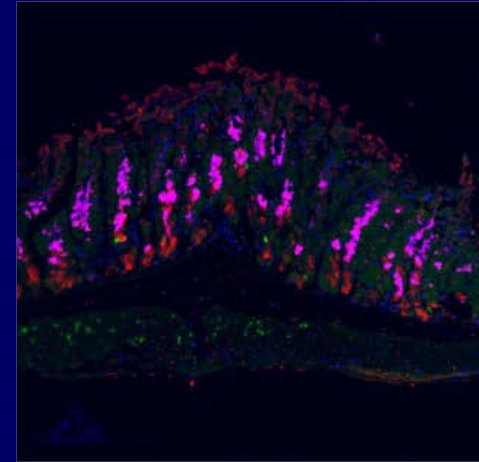
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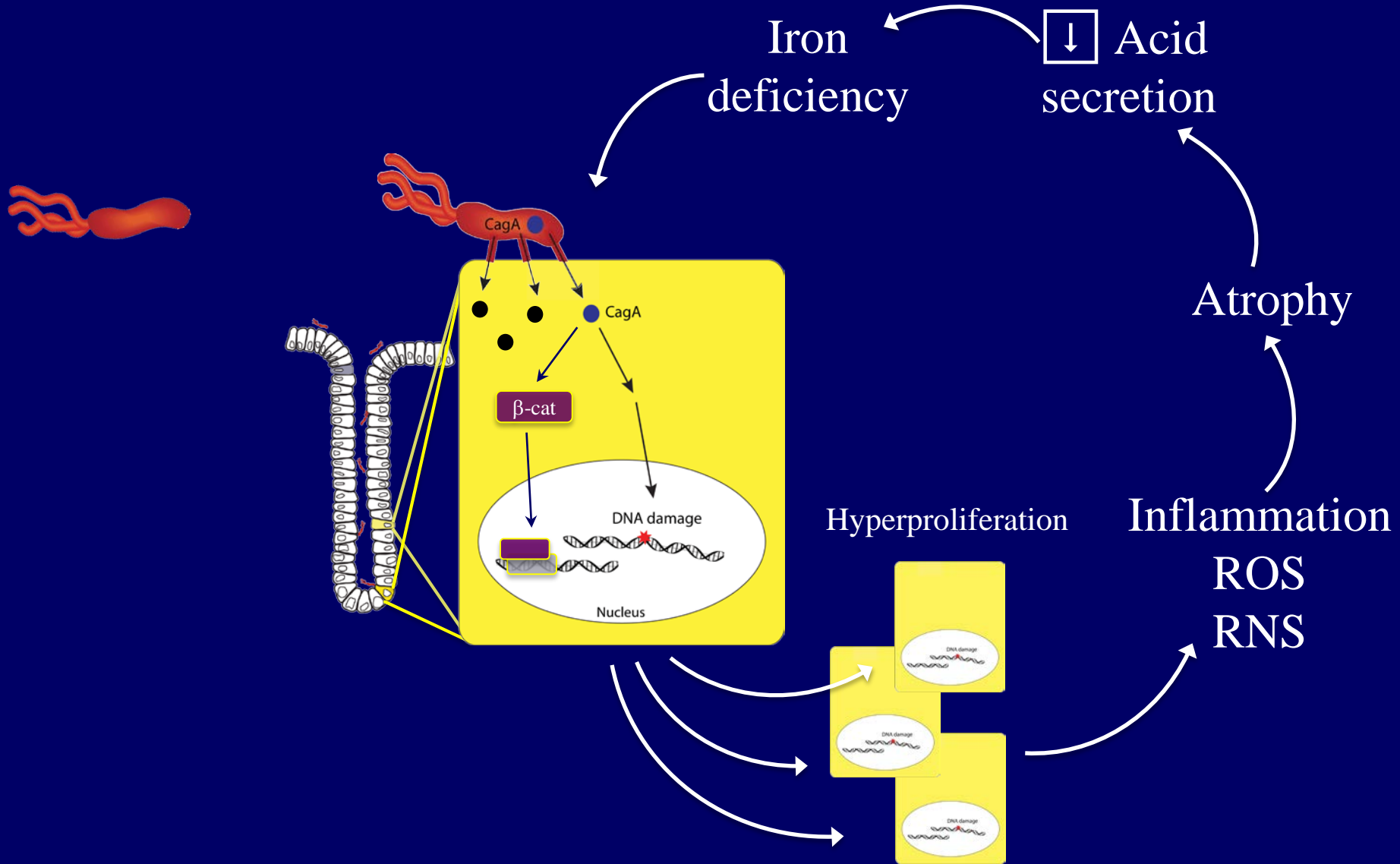
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*H. pylori cag*<sup>-</sup>

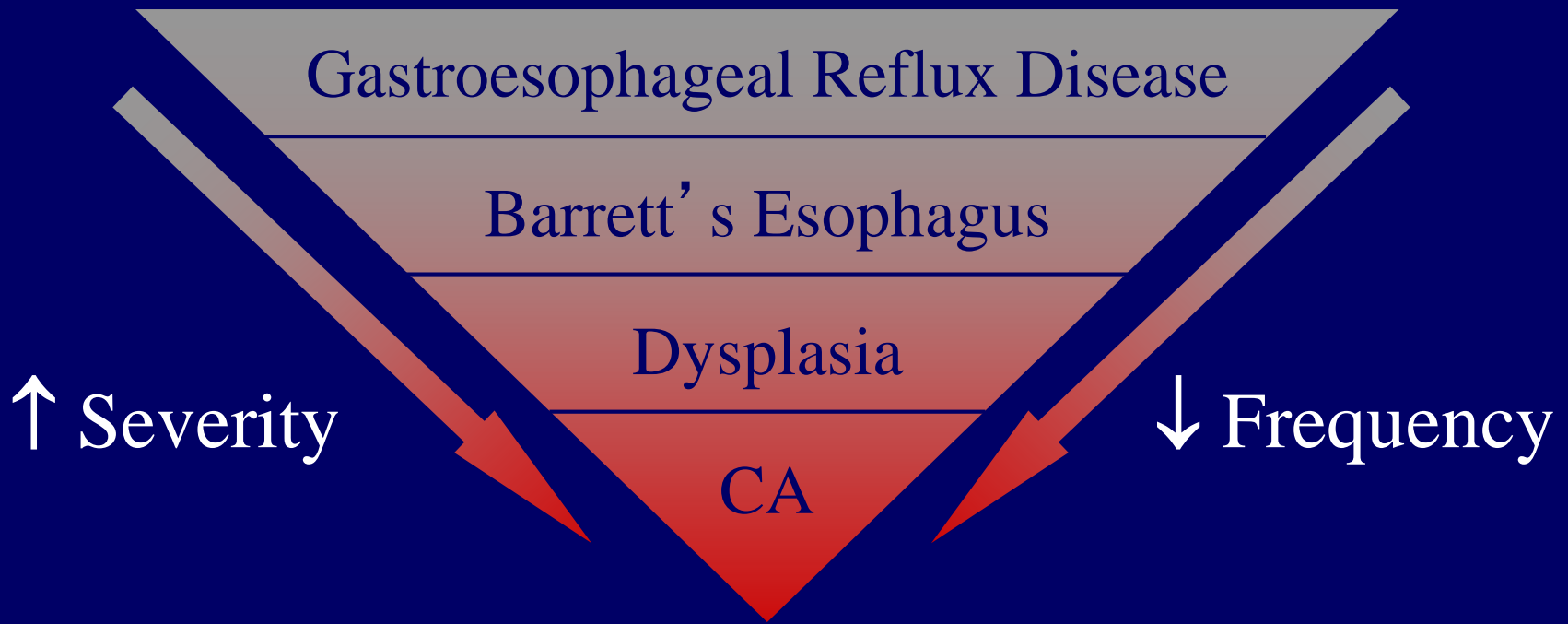


**YFP (Lrig1)**  
**GSII lectin (SPEM)**  
**Intrinsic factor**



Are there additional reasons  
that mitigate against  
widespread test and treat  
strategies for *H. pylori*?

# Complications of Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease





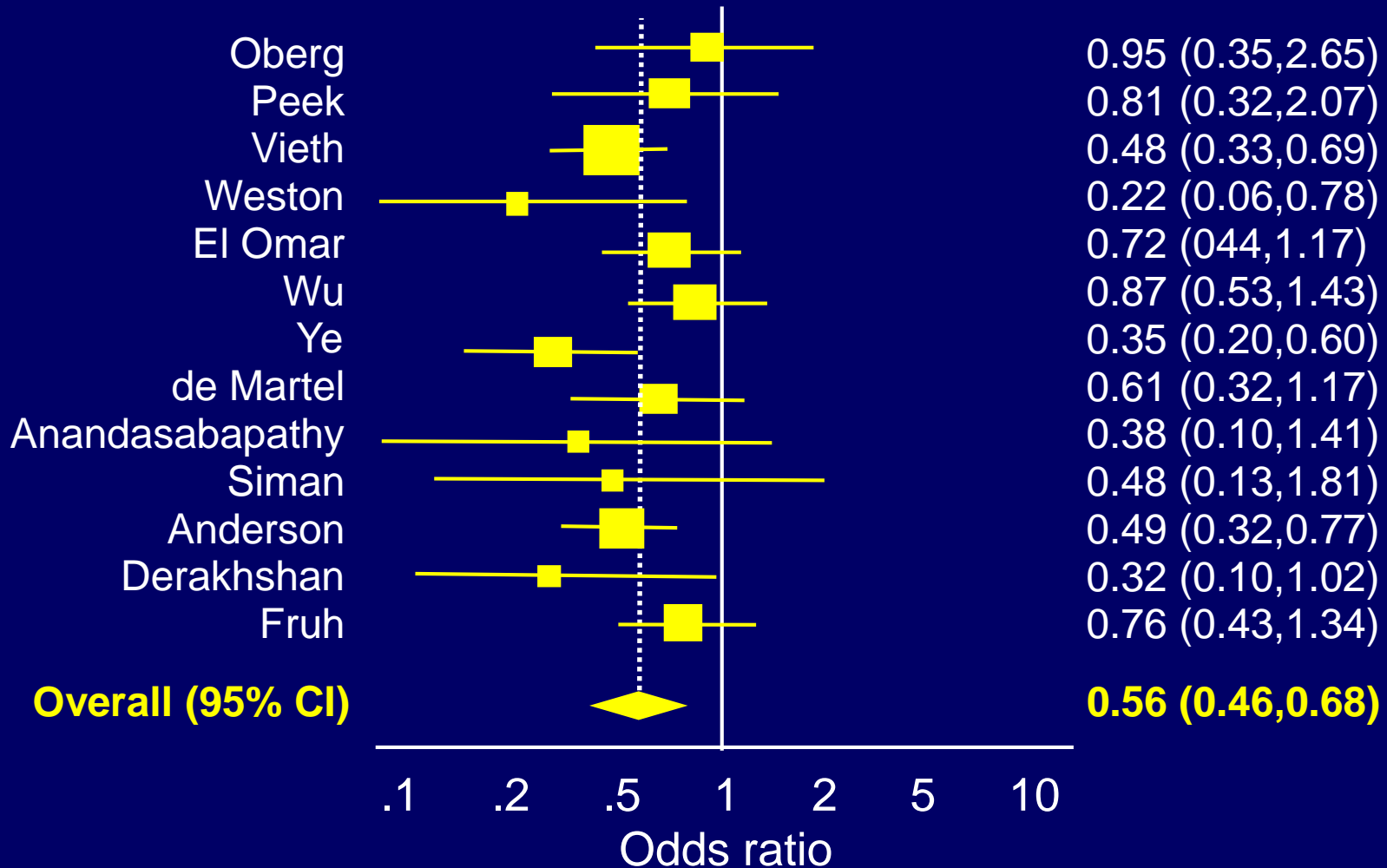
# Association of Barrett's metaplasia with *H. pylori* status and associated conditions

	Barrett's		OR	95% CI
	-	+		
Total	76,475	2510	-	-
<i>H. pylori</i> (-)	67,119	2366	1	-
<i>H. pylori</i> (+)	9356	144	<b>0.42</b>	0.35-0.49
Gastritis (-)	65,521	2317	1	-
Gastritis (+)	10,954	193	<b>0.47</b>	0.41-0.55

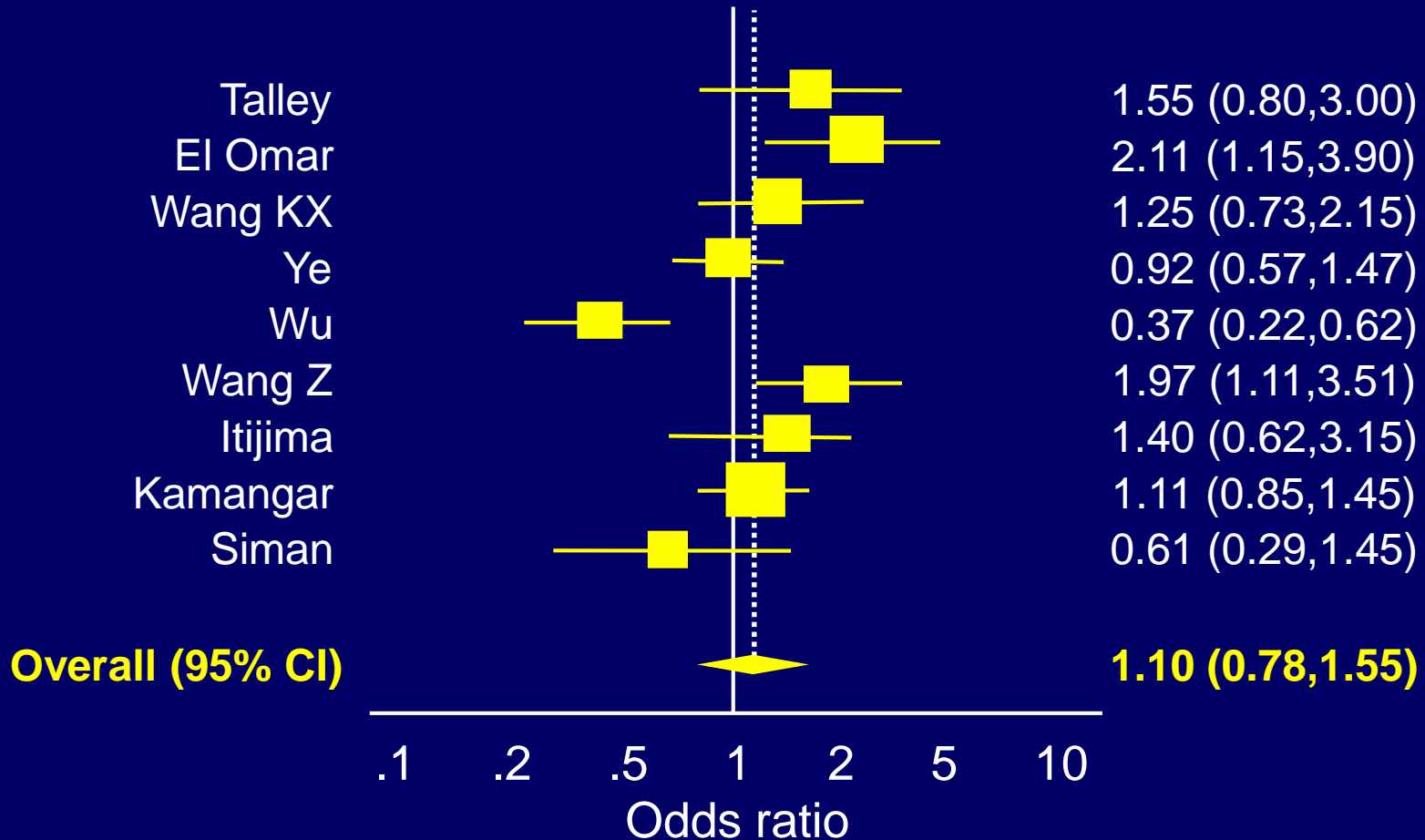
# Association of esophageal adenocarcinoma with carriage of *H. pylori*, by *cagA* status

Subject status		Number of controls	Number of cancer cases	Odds ratio	95% CI
<i>H. pylori</i>	<i>cagA</i>				
-	-	138	91	1.0	-
+	-	40	26	1.1	0.6-2.1
+	+	46	12	0.4	0.2-0.9

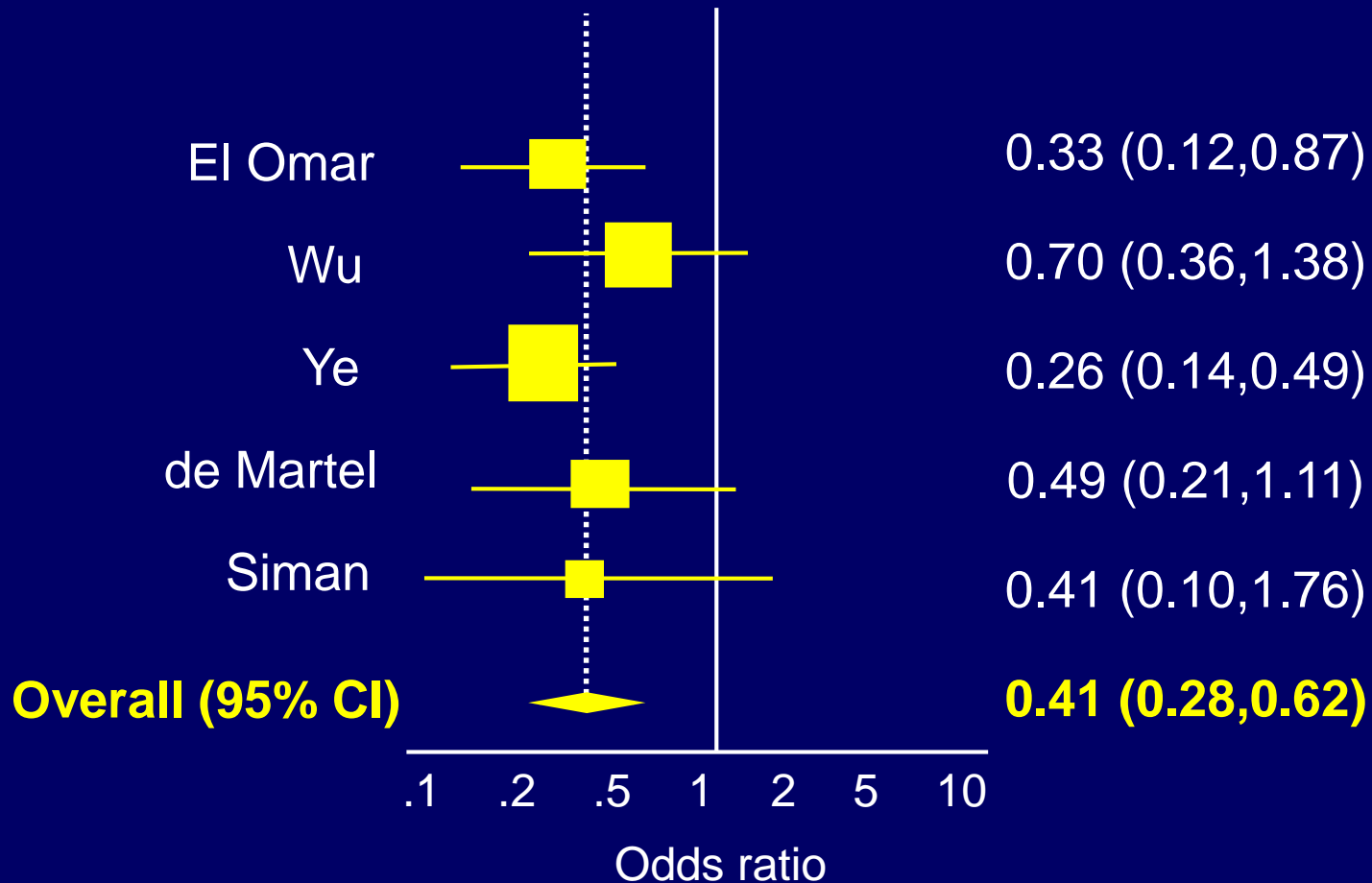
# Association between *H. pylori* and esophageal adenocarcinoma



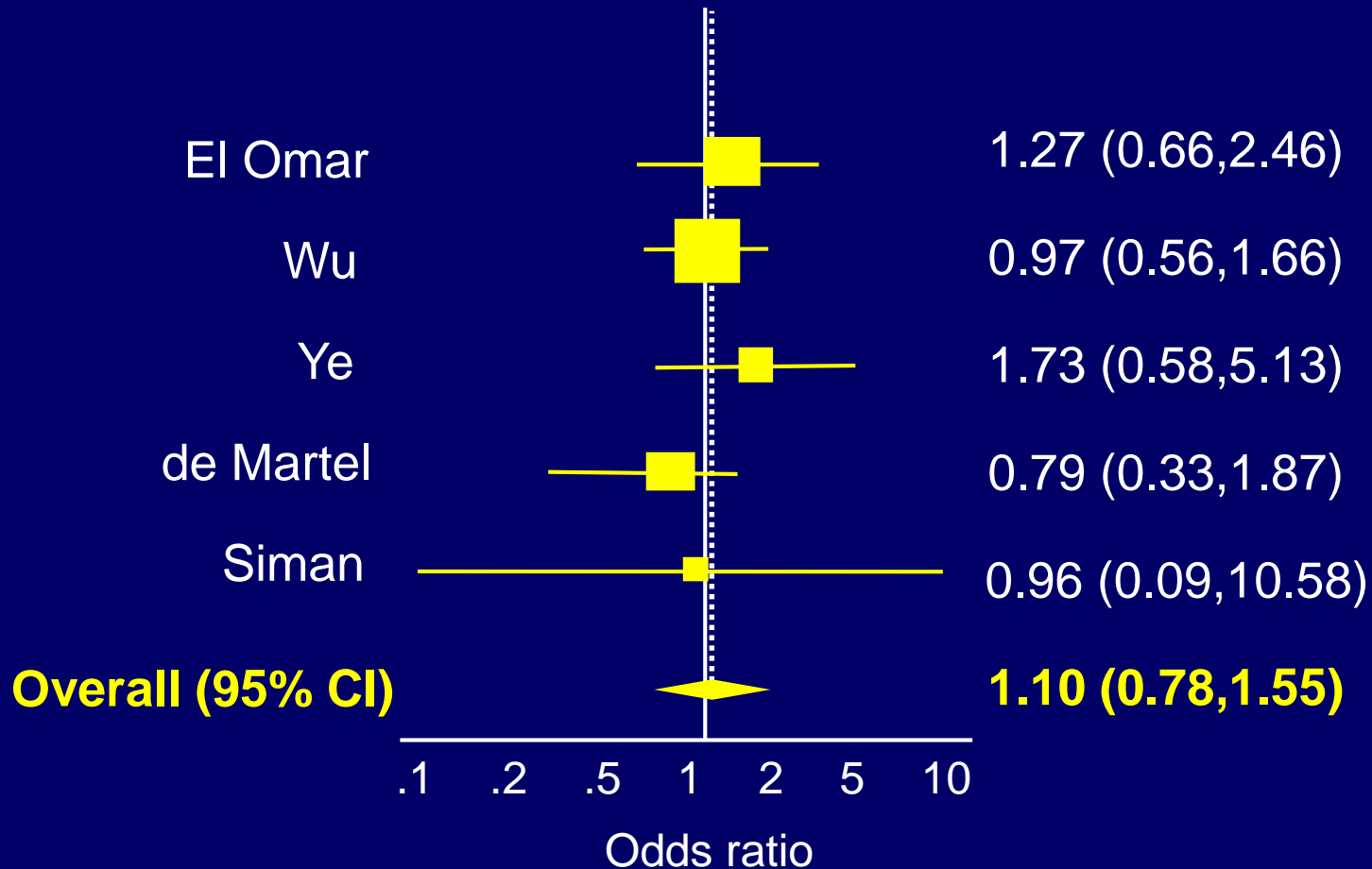
# Association between *H. pylori* and esophageal squamous cell carcinoma



# Association between CagA<sup>+</sup> *H. pylori* and esophageal adenocarcinoma



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# Reciprocity between *H. pylori* colonization and disease states

Asthma

Inflammatory bowel disease

Childhood diarrheal diseases

Tuberculosis

Obesity

Stroke mortality



Who should be tested and  
treated for *H. pylori*?

# Indications among *H. pylori*-infected persons for antimicrobial therapy

Peptic ulcer disease

Gastric MALToma

Family history of gastric cancer

Hypertrophic gastritis (Menetrier's)

Prior to long-term NSAID use

Non-ulcer dyspepsia

Prior to long-term PPI use

Atrophy/intestinal metaplasia/dysplasia

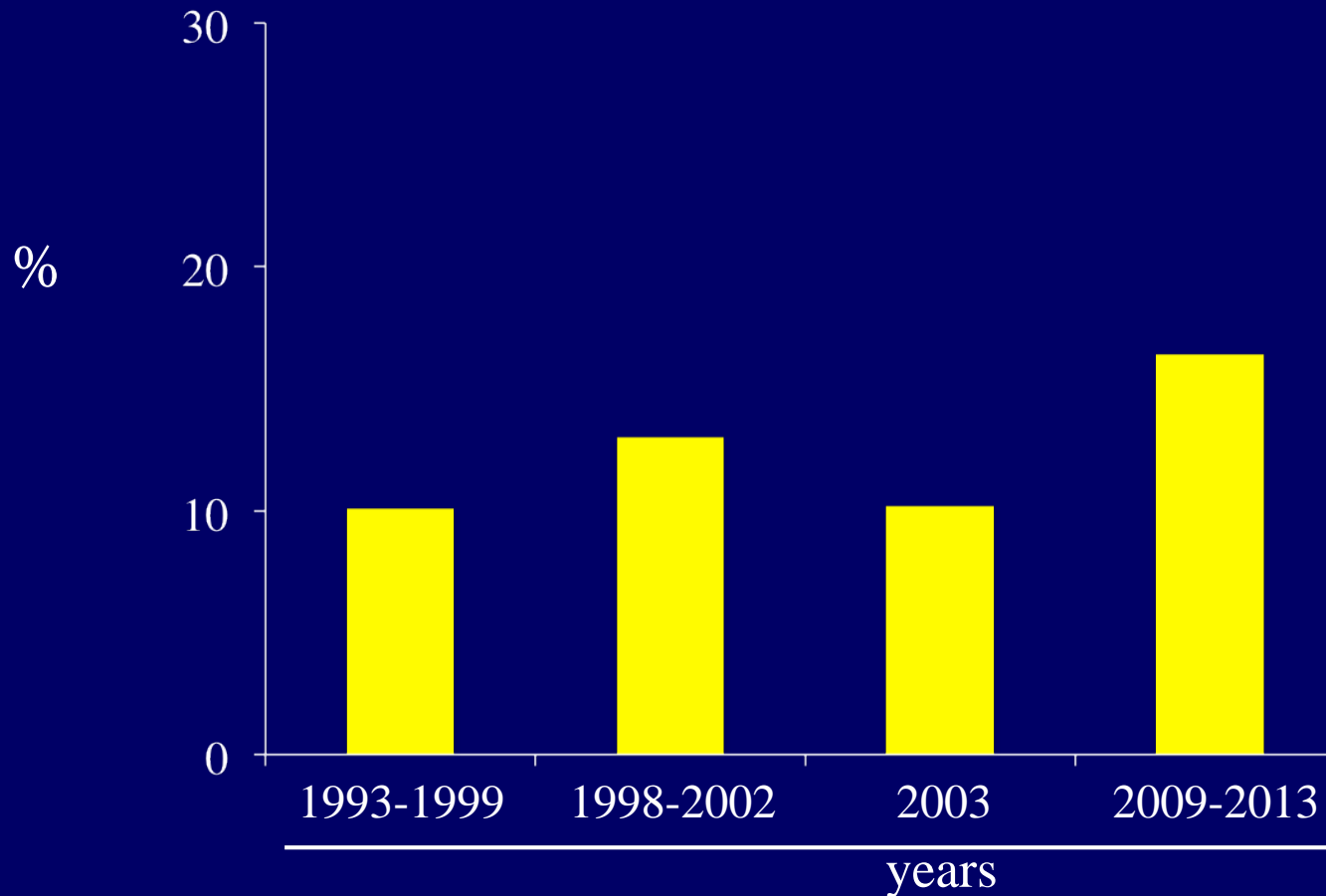
# General principles of anti-*H. pylori* therapy

Target efficacy is 90% eradication rate

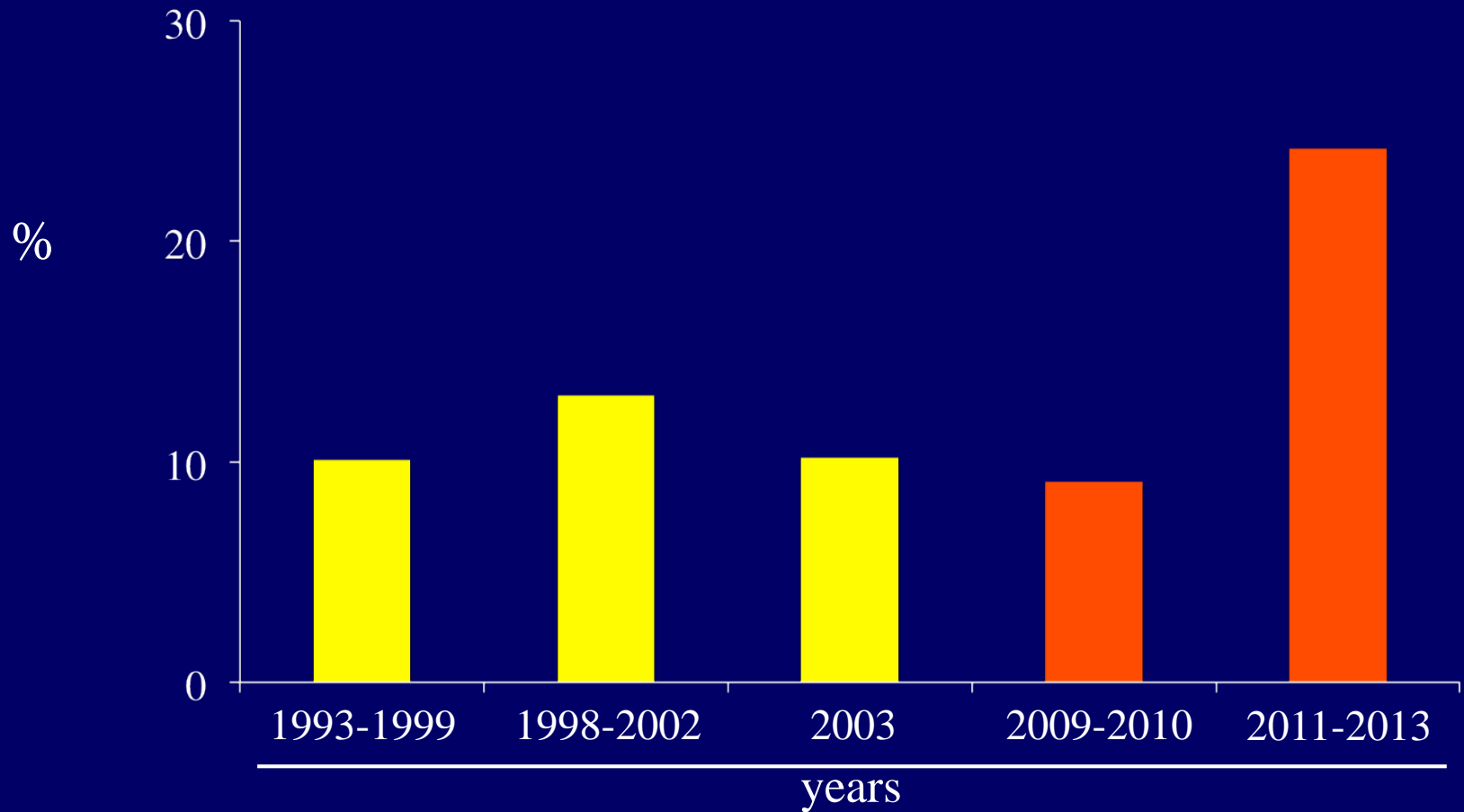
Level of clarithromycin resistance (15%) is decision inflection point

Extending duration to 14 days improves efficacy

# *H. pylori* resistance rates to Clarithromycin in the United States



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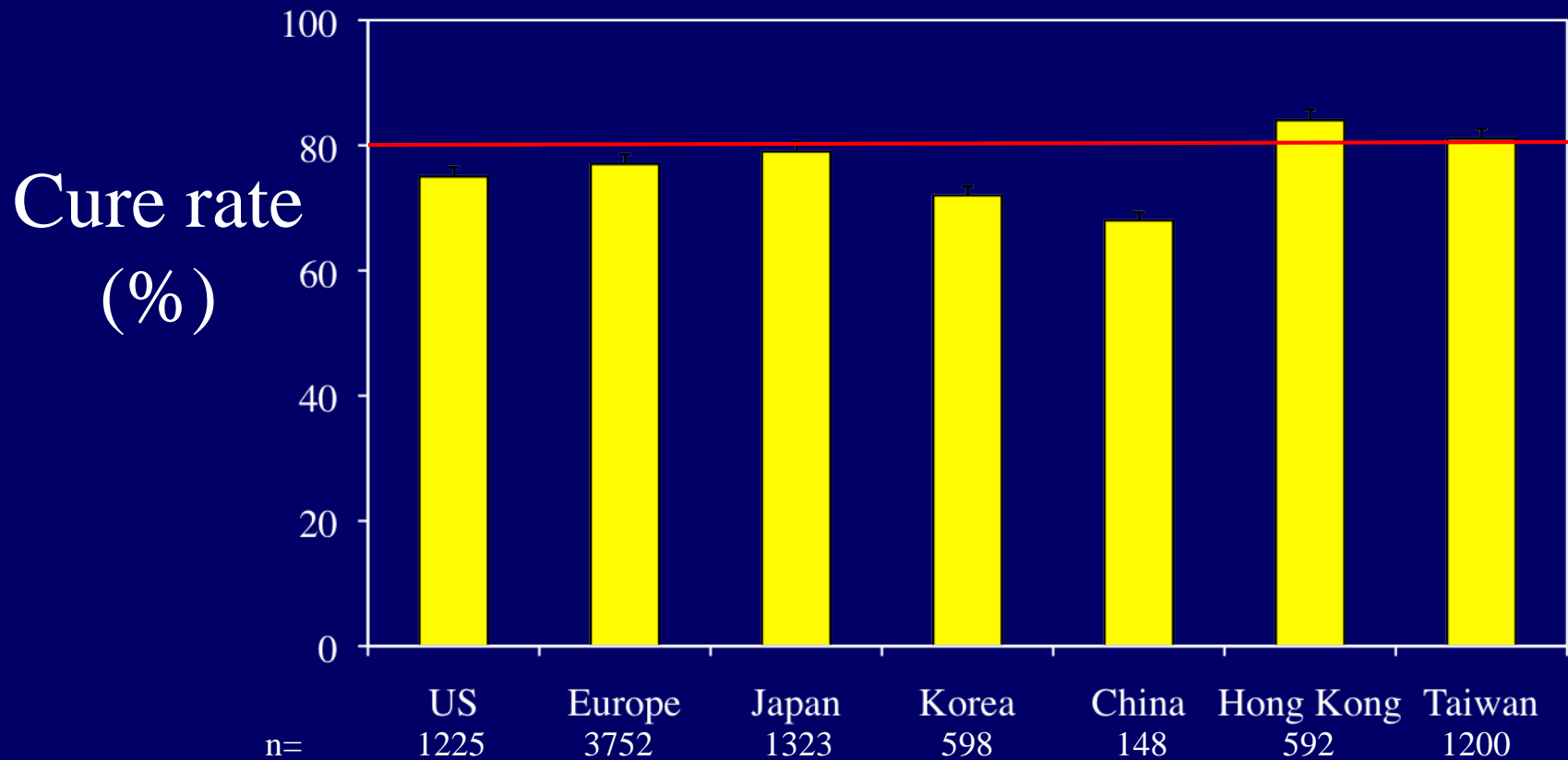


# Triple therapy

A PPI plus clarithromycin 500 mg twice daily  
and either amoxicillin 1 g twice daily OR  
metronidazole 500 mg twice daily



# Cure rates with standard triple therapy



# Bismuth-containing quadruple therapy

A PPI plus bismuth, tetracycline and metronidazole

# Non-bismuth quadruple therapy: Concomitant therapy

A PPI plus amoxicillin 1 g,  
clarithromycin 500 mg and  
metronidazole 500 mg twice daily

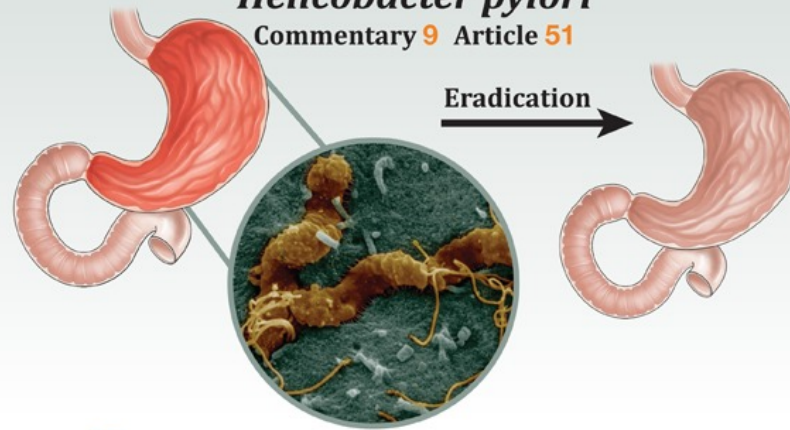
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What is the recommended  
management and  
surveillance for patients  
with pre-malignant lesions?

# Gastric Intestinal Metaplasia

Present in 5-20% of patients  
undergoing EGD

Annual risk of gastric cancer: 0.13-  
0.25% per year

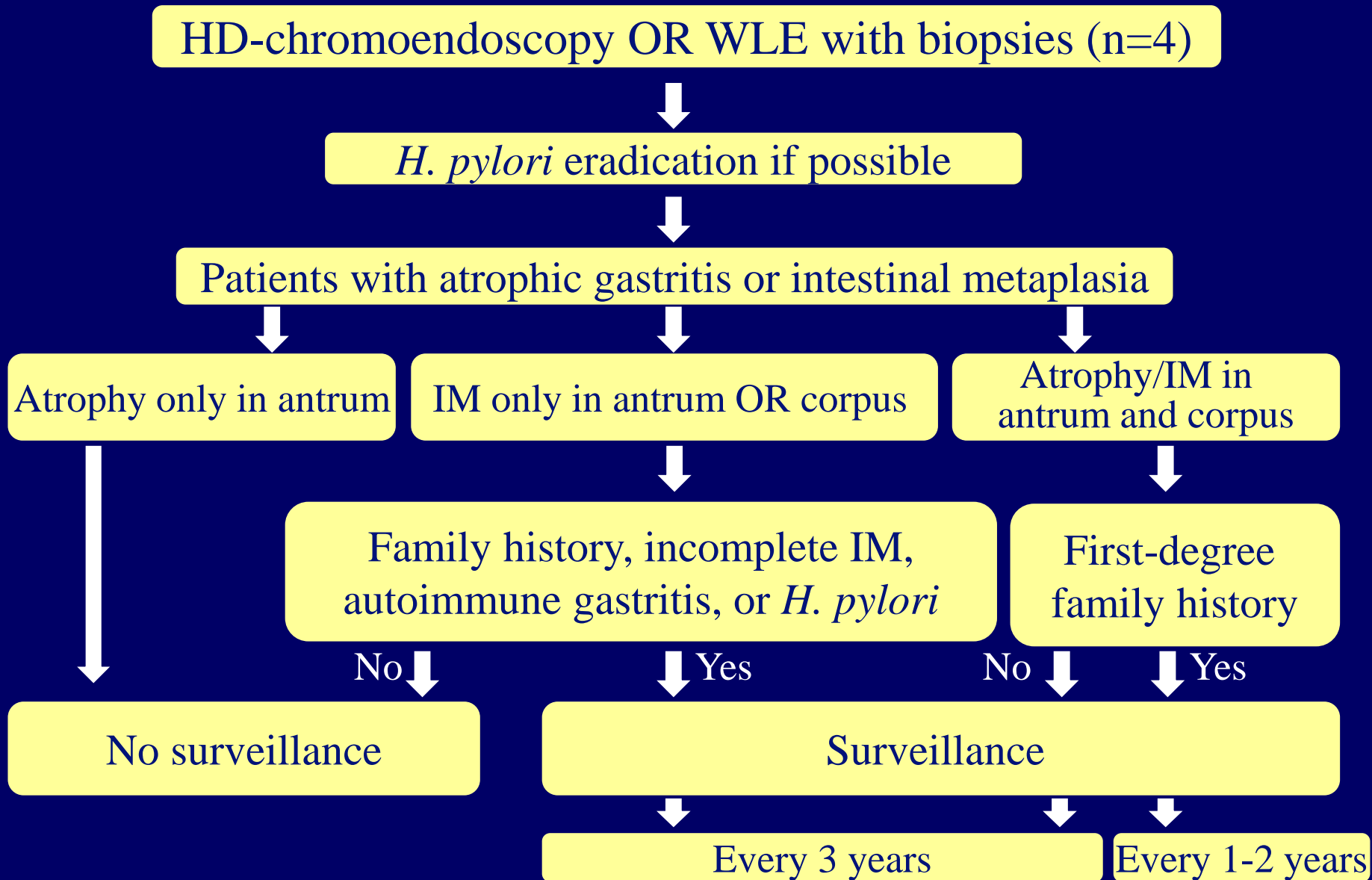
# Management of epithelial precancerous conditions and lesions in the stomach (MAPS II)

Utilized Delphi method for expert consensus

MAPS II 2019 guidelines updated 2012 MAPS I guidelines with a focus on articles post-2010

Low quality evidence drove several recommendations

# MAPS II proposed management for GIM

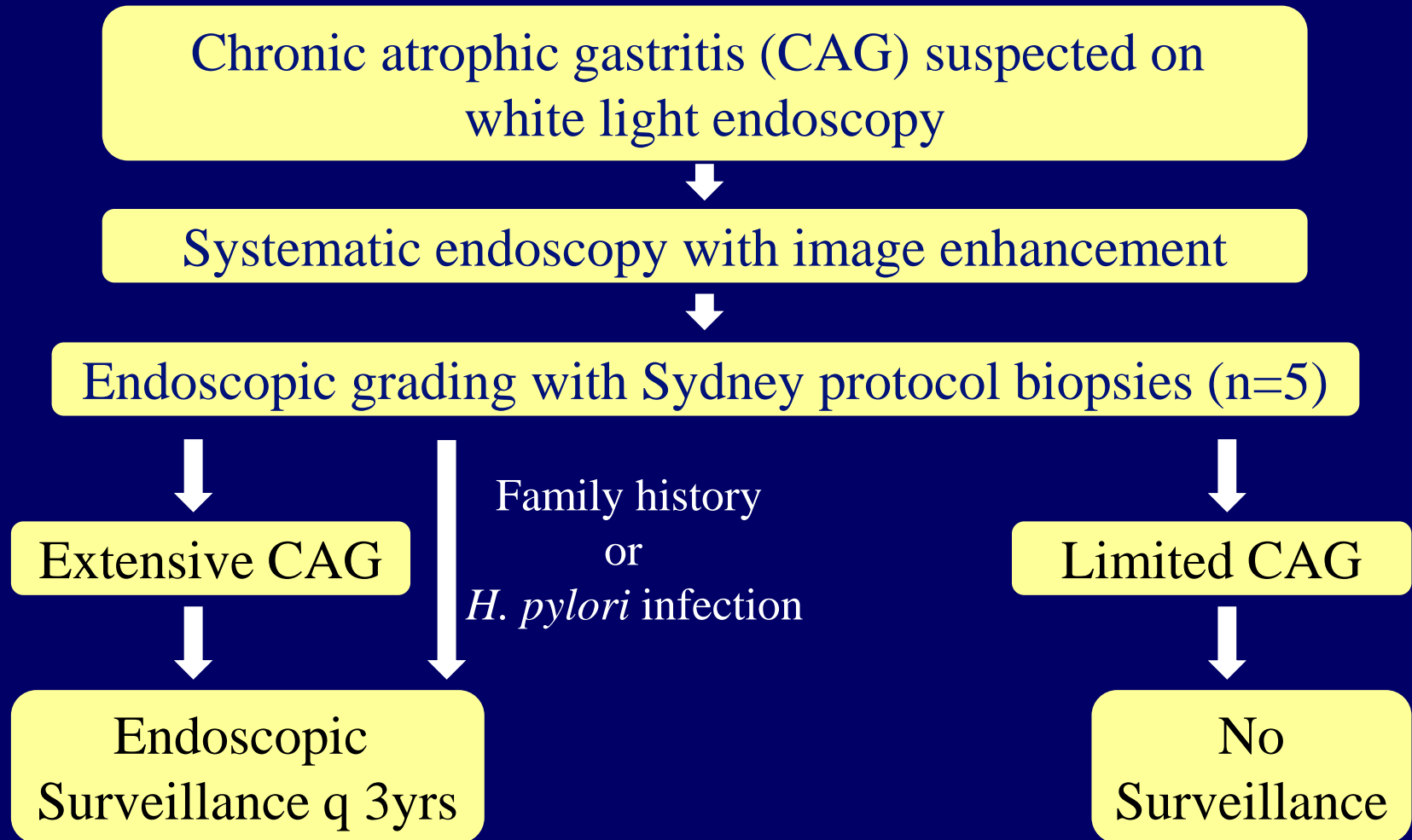


# British Society of Gastroenterology Guidelines

Intended for UK populations

Chronic atrophic gastritis (CAG) includes  
GIM and gastric atrophy

# British Society of Gastroenterology guidelines





# AGA Recommendation for Patients with GIM

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Conditional recommendation: very low quality of evidence

# Nuances of AGA Clinical Guidelines on Management of Gastric Intestinal Metaplasia

Utilized GRADE methodology

Patients with incidentally diagnosed GIM  
and North American populations

More emphasis on shared decision making  
between providers and patients

# AGA Clinical Guidelines for GIM

Gastric Intestinal Metaplasia (GIM)



Test for *H. pylori*

Negative

Positive



Treat and confirm eradication



Risk factors associated with gastric cancer in patients with GIM

No



Yes



Concerns about adequacy of endoscopic exam

Discuss pros/cons of surveillance endoscopy within 3-5 years

Family history of 1<sup>st</sup> degree relative with gastric cancer

No



Yes

No surveillance

Discuss pros/cons of repeat baseline endoscopy with biopsies within 1 year

# Future Research Needs

Randomized trials on surveillance impact

Importance of routine characterization of incomplete versus complete GIM

Lack of informative natural history studies to evaluate importance of race, ethnicity or country of origin on GIM progression

# Future Research Needs

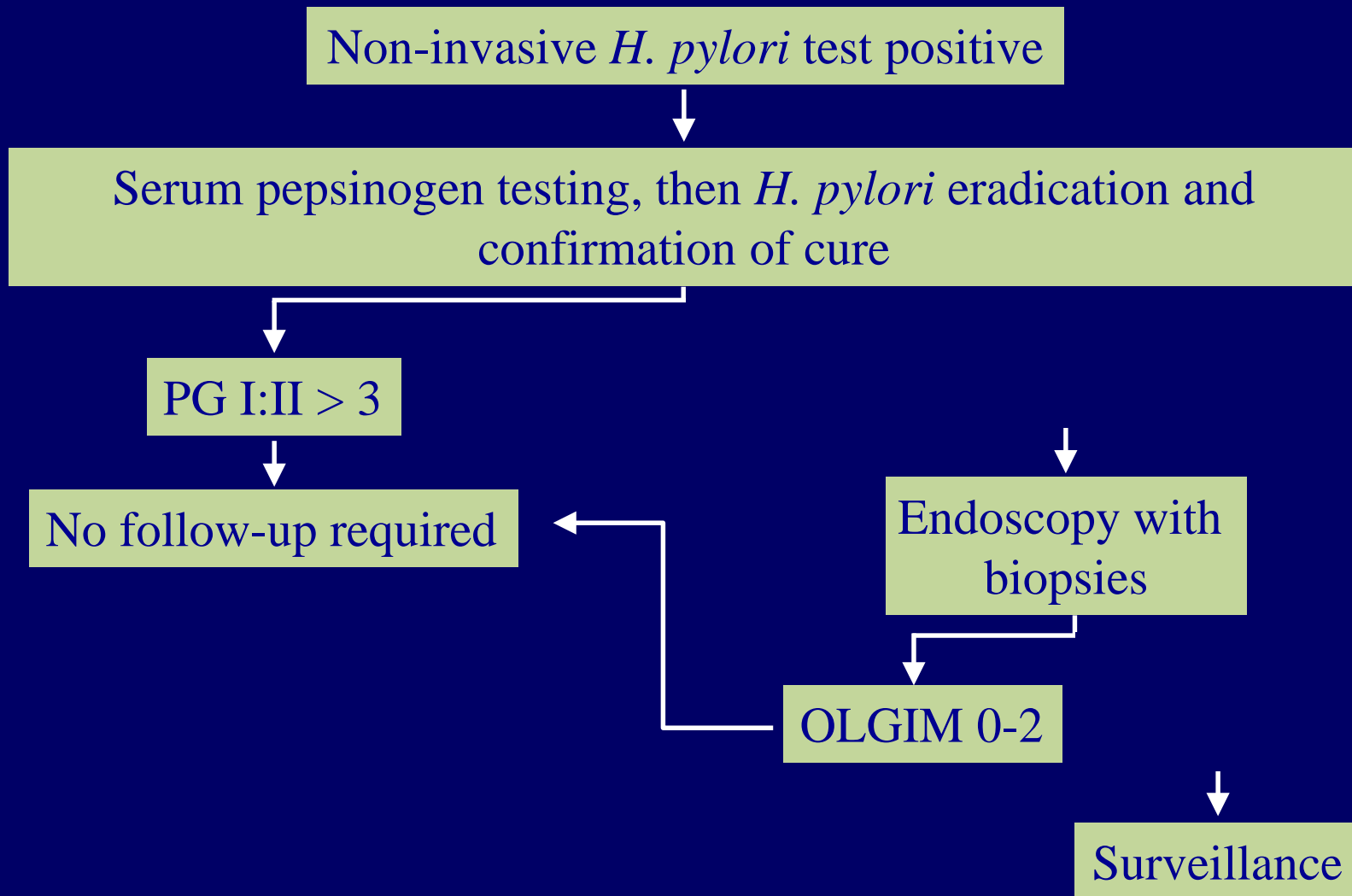
Does GIM progress after *H. pylori* therapy?

What is the optimal biopsy protocol to increase the yield of GIM detection?

What is the role of noninvasive biomarkers in North American populations?

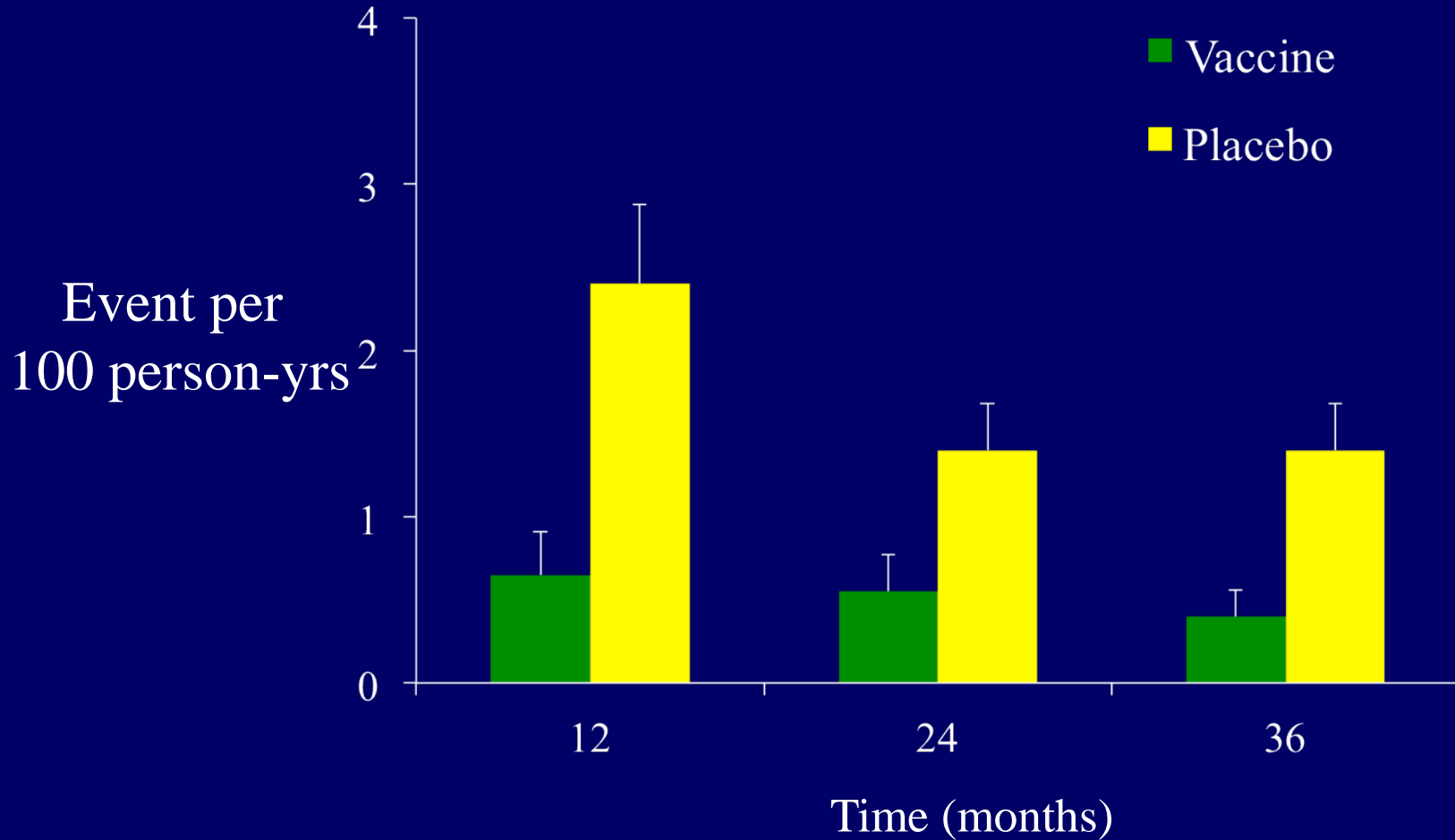


# Future *H. pylori* screening and follow-up approaches



What is the prospect for  
developing an effective  
vaccine targeting *H. pylori*?

# Risk of developing new *H. pylori* infections



# Conclusions

Complex human diseases such as gastric cancer are multifactorial, and their pathogenesis combines effects of microbial, host and environmental factors

# Conclusions

Test and treat strategies for the indiscriminant elimination of *H. pylori* are not supported by current data unless a defined risk factor is present

# Conclusions

Based on low-quality evidence, patients who have GIM in conjunction with additional risk factors should be considered for surveillance but, at a minimum, be fully informed by their providers regarding the benefits and risks of surveillance

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