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Application des approches d'analyse du transcriptome à l'étude des étapes précoces d'autoimmunité

....de la Génétique à l'Immunologie ...

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LISTE DES MALADIES AUTOIMMUNES

Cette liste est établie en allant des maladies les plus spécifiques d'organes à celles qui on sont le moins spécifiques

MALADIES	ANTIGENES CIBLES	MALADIES	ANTIGENES CIBLES
Thyroïdite de Hashimoto	Thyroglobuline, microsomes	Pemphigoïde bulleuse	Membrane basale de l'épiderme
Maladie de Basedow	Récepteur de la TSH (5)	Epidermolyse bulleuse acquise	Fibroblastes, kératinocytes
Maladie d'Addison (1)	Cortico surrénale	Dermatite heq~étifomie	Gliadine, réticuline
Insuffisance hypophysaire	Hypophyse	Maladie coeliaque	Gliadine, réticuline
Anémie de Biermer	Muqueuse gastrique	Pelade	Follicule pileux
Spondylarthrite ankylosante	Enthèses	Néphropathie membraneuse idiopathique	Glomérules rénaux
Arthrites réactionnelles	Enthèses	Néphrose lipoïdique de l'enfant	Glomérules rénaux
Rhumatisme psoriasique	Enthèses, cartilage, synoviale	Néphropathie à IgA	Glomérules rénaux
Uvéite antérieure aigus	Chambre antérieure de l'oeil	Sclérose en plaques	Oligodendrocytes, myéline
Rétinobulboïdopathie Birdshot	Choroïde, rétine	Narcolepsie	Certaines cellules cérébrales
Polychondrite atrophiante	Cartilage	Certaines anémies hémolytiques	Hématies
Certaines stérilités	Spermatozoïdes, ovaires	Certaines granulopénies	Granulocytes
Diabète juvénile	ilôts de Langherans, insuline	Purpura thrombocytopénique idiopathique	Plaquettes
Syndrome sucré de Goodpasture	Membrane basale glomérulaire	Cirrhose biliaire primitive	Mitochondries
Myasthénie	Muscle strié, récepteur de l'Ach (6)	Hépatite chronique active (2)	Muscles lisses, noyaux, mitochondries, microsomes
Maladie de La Peyronie	Aponévroses du pénis	Syndrome de Gougerot-Sjögren	Glandes lacrymales, salivaires, noyaux, SSA, SSB
Rhumatisme articulaire aigu	Myocarde, streptocoques	Maladie de Horton (3) et PPR	Artère temporale, muscles des ceintures
Pemphigus	Ponts intercellulaires de l'épiderme	FaScilte de Shulman	Peau, aponévroses
Dematomyosite	Noyaux, Jo1, muscles	Arthrite chronique juvénile (4)	Cartilage, synoviale, oeil, noyaux
Sclérodermie	Tissu conjonctif, noyaux, Sc170	Polyarthrite tiiumatoïde	Cartilage, synoviale, IgG, noyaux
Connectivite mixte	Noyaux, RNP	Lupus érythémateux disséminé	Noyaux, ADN, Sm, cardiolipine
Lupus érythémateux discoïde	Noyaux		

Outlines

Part I

- **The Genetics of T1D in the NOD mouse**

Part II

- **Gene Expression Networks in Early Autoimmunity**
 - a. **Subphenotype:** -characterization
-significance relative to diabetes
 - b. **Gene signatures:** -Description of the approach
-Biological significance
 - c. **Correlation:** **Genetics** $\longleftrightarrow$ **Genomics**

Genetics of Type 1 Diabetes

Prevalence in the human population	0.3%
Identical twin concordance	36-75%
MHC-identical sibling concordance	12%
Average to siblings of affected probands	6%

Complex inheritance:

T1D is a multifactorial disease with a strong genetic component and environmental factors contributing to its aetiology

Physiopathology

Type 1 Diabetes: a chronic autoimmune destruction of the insulin producing β cells of the pancreas

- Appearance of autoantibodies
- Presence of insulitis
- Defects in T lymphocyte activity
- Sensitivity to immunosuppression
- Autoimmune disease

Human Diabetes versus mouse model

Characteristics	Human	NOD
•Insulitis	present	present
•Autoantibodies	present	present
•Defects in T-lymphocyte activity	present	present
•Sensitivity to immunosuppression	present	present
•MHC susceptibility genes	present	present
•Disease frequency in both sexes	same	females>males

Disease progression

Age (wks)

3

5

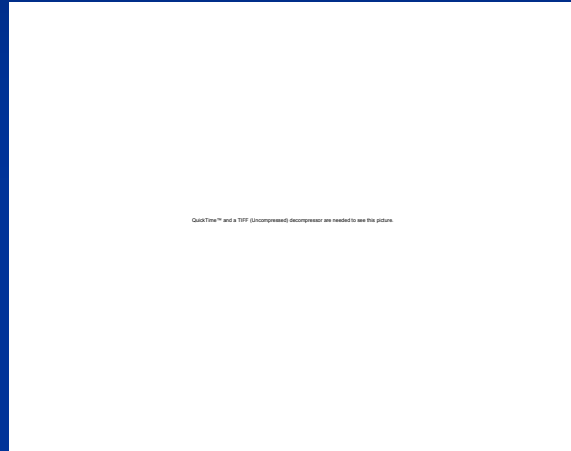
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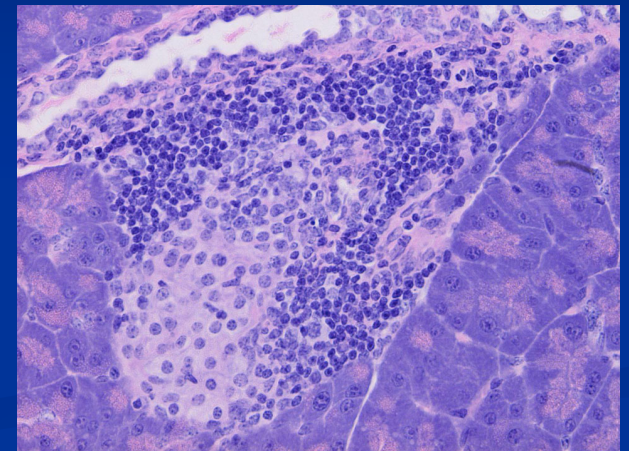
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Periinsulitis



Insulitis



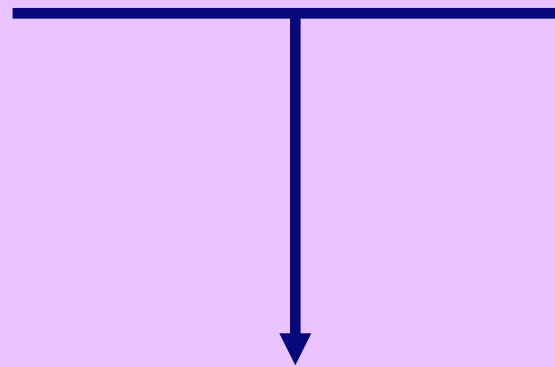
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CD4

GENETIC ANALYSIS

Phenotype



Genotype

*Transmission of
Chromosomal regions*

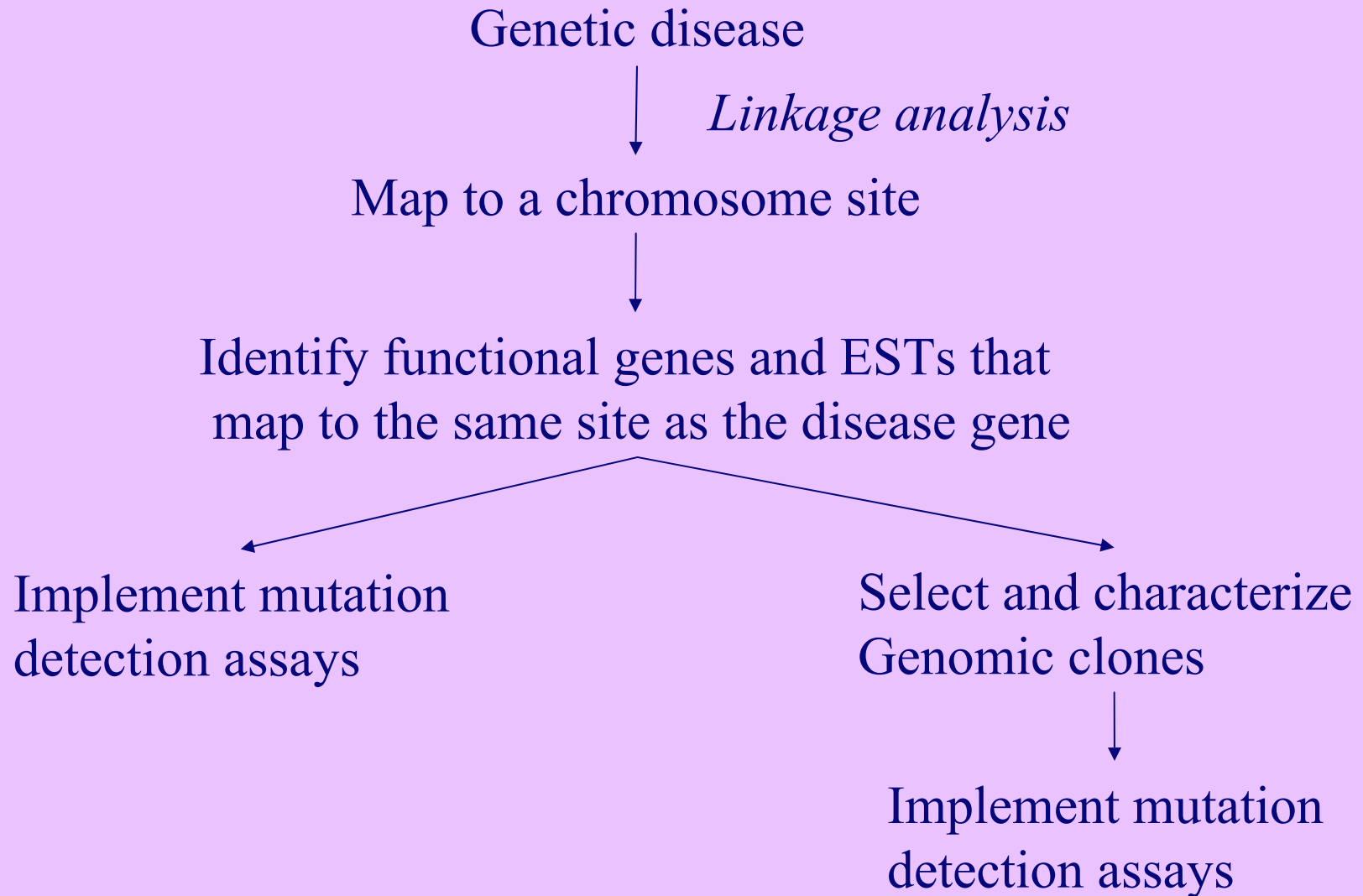
Correlation

**Localisation of genes of unknown/known function
responsible for the phenotype**

If there are obstacles, the shortest line between two points maybe the crooked line.

Bertold Brecht (1898-1956)

Positional cloning



STRATEGY FOR THE RESISTANT PARTNER CHOICE

a. Intra-specific crosses

NOD
Susceptible

x

Mus musculus domesticus
Resistant

- * Less polymorphic
- * Less genetic heterogeneity
- * Higher phenotype incidence
- * Stronger statistics (significance)?

C57Bl/6
C57Bl/10
NON

b. Inter-(sub) specific crosses

NOD
Susceptible

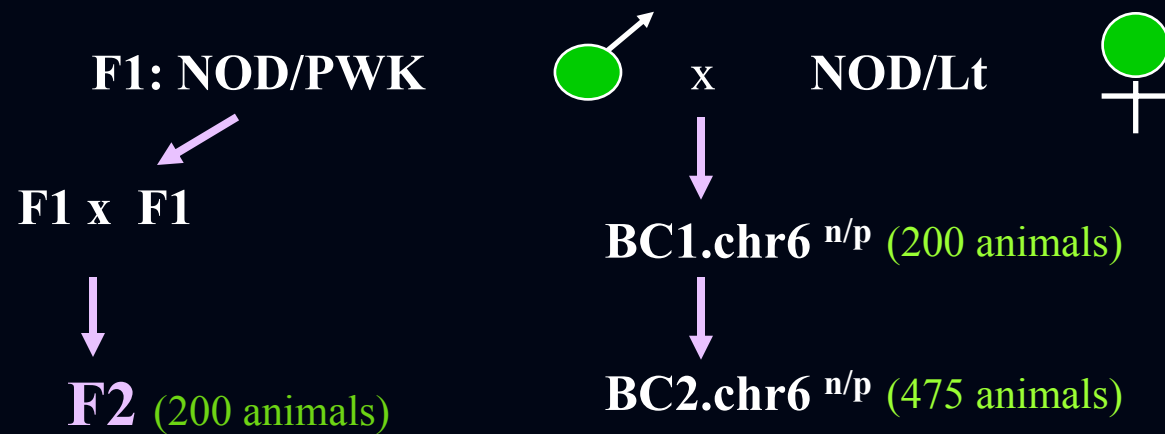
x

Mus musculus musculus
Resistant

- * Higher polymorphism
- * Higher genetic heterogeneity
- * Lower phenotype incidence
- * Segregation of resistance loci
- * Closer to human families analysis?

SPE
PWK

Construction of Crosses for Genetic Analysis (NOD. PWK^{Chr6})



GENETIC ANALYSIS OF BC1 PROGENIES

CHROMOSOME	LOCUS	M χ^2	F χ^2	TOTAL χ^2
3	D3Mit7	0.18	13.41	4.5
14*	D14Mit5	8.38	1.74	9.27
17	D17Mit9	0.58	9.01	6.33
6*	D6Mit11	11.32	2.49	12.15
6*	Ly4	13.29	1.76	12.29
6*	D6Mit25	13.08	1.48	12.11
6*	D6Mit14	14.05	0.5	10.31

(Melanitou *et al*, 1998)

***Resistance loci**

Two loci with resistance alleles

Chrom	Marker	GRR
6	D6Mit53	1.6
6	D6Mit25	1.6
6	D6Mit14	1.3
14	D14Mit5	2.8

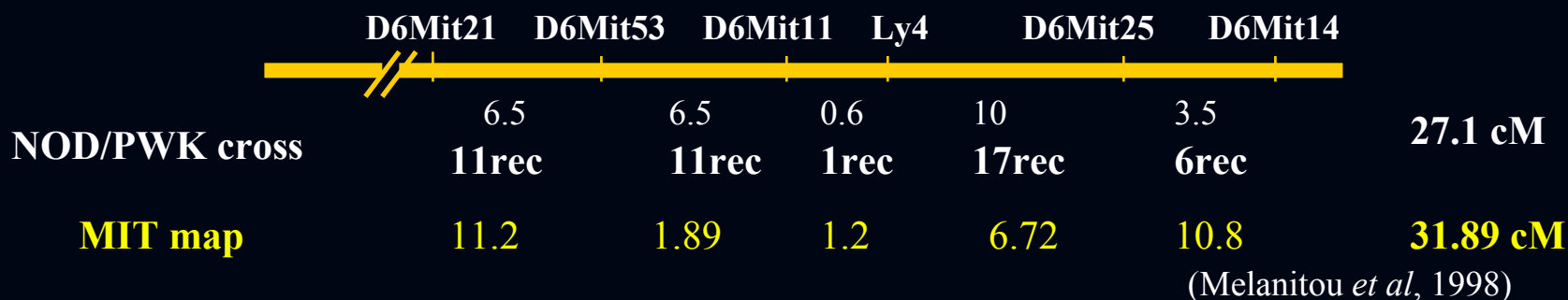
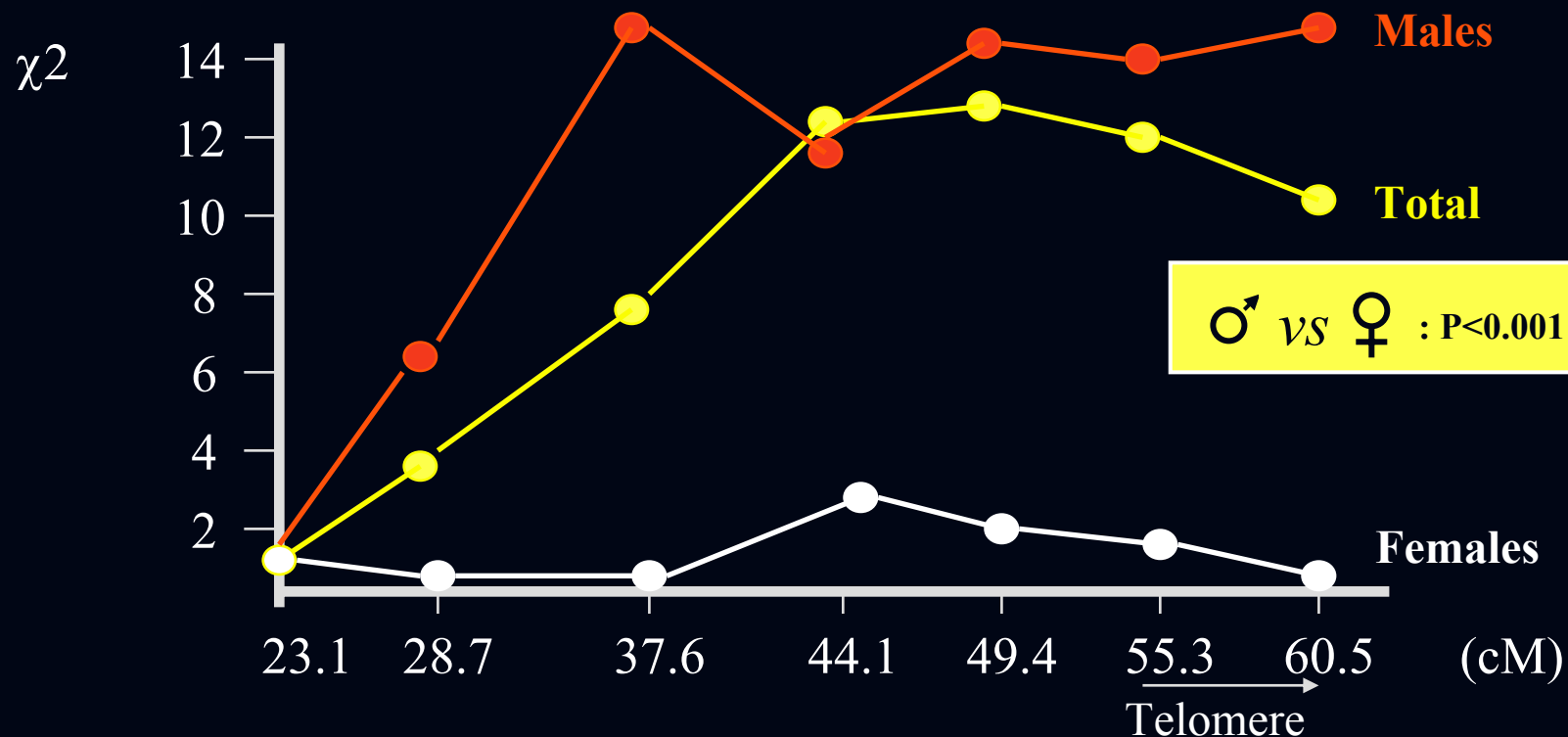
GENOTYPIC RISK RATIO

GRR = 0.5 : susceptibility locus

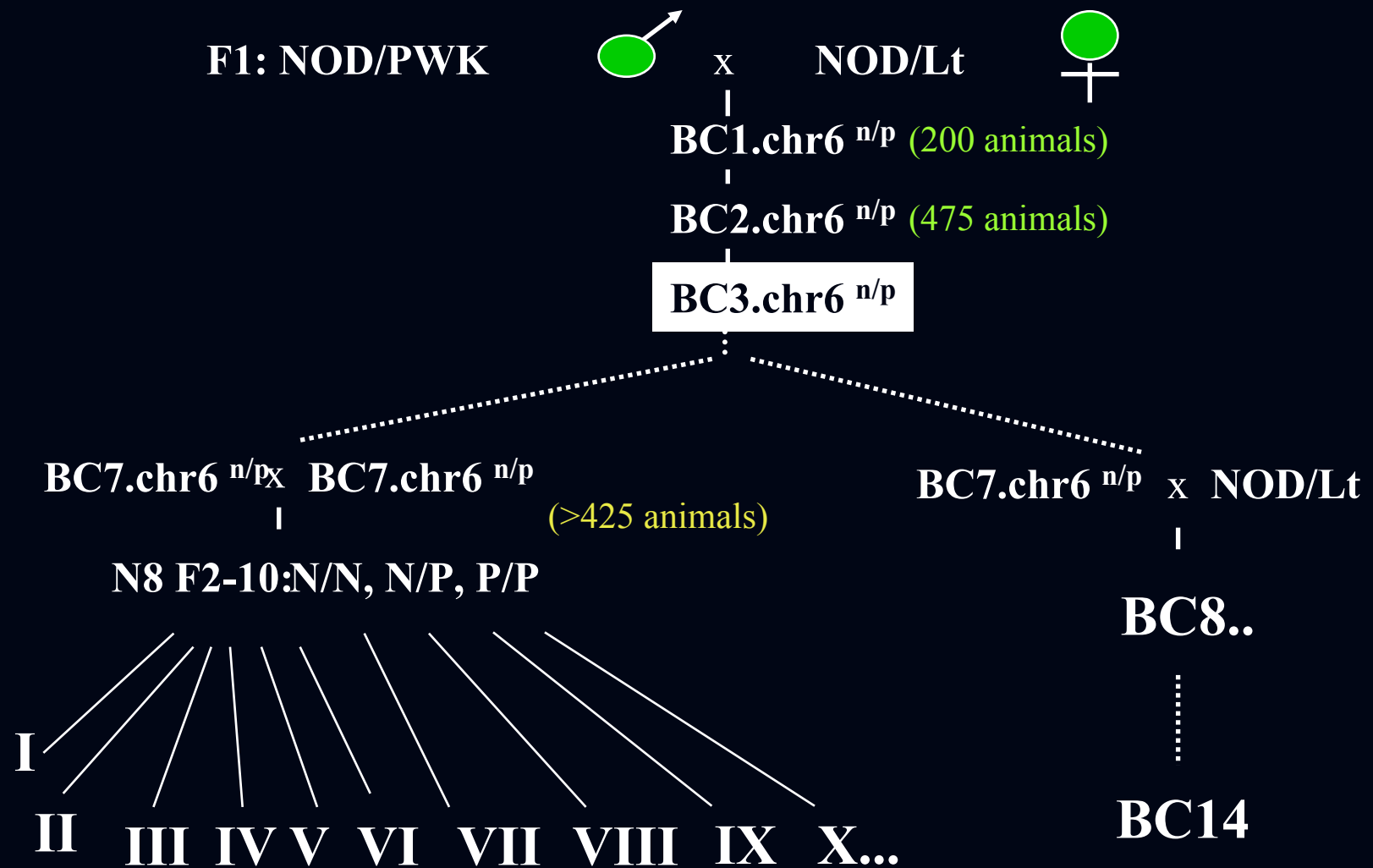
GRR > 1 : resistance locus

$$GRR = \frac{\text{Total Number of BC1 diabetic}}{2 \times \text{number of BC1 diabetic homozygous animals}}$$

Genetic distance of the PWK Idd locus on distal chromosome 6 in the BC1 cross



Construction of Congenic lines (*NOD. PWK^{Chr6}*)



NOD.PWK^{chr6} (6/21-26) BC7 F1 Congenics and genetic interval analysis

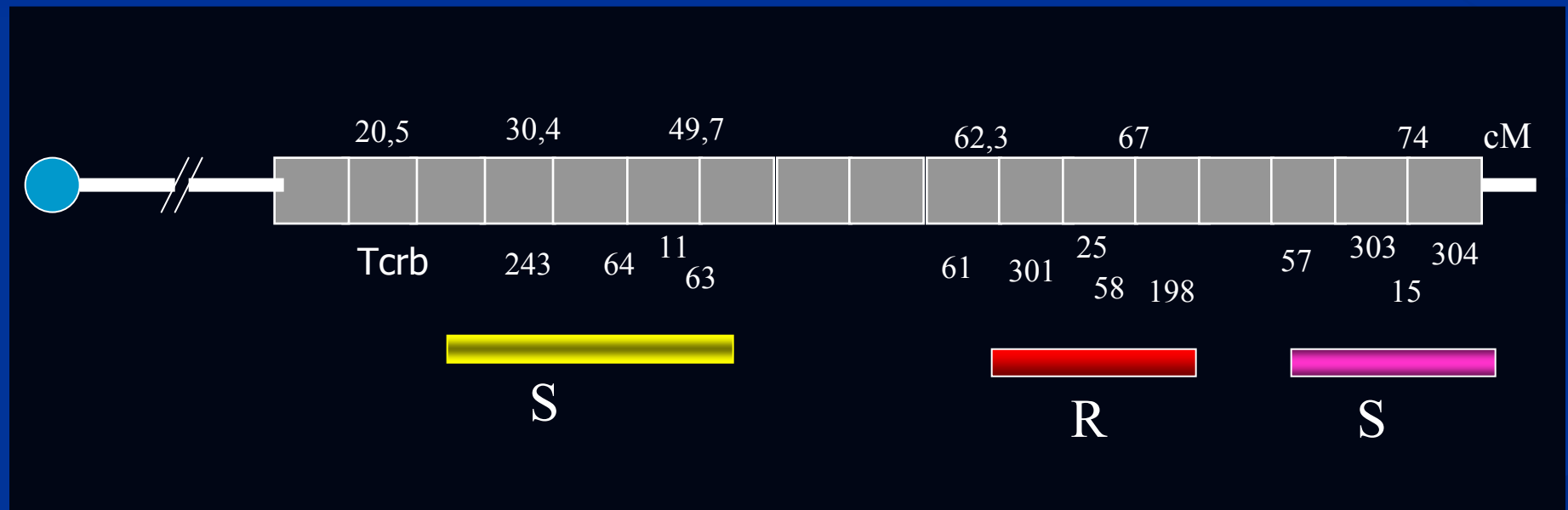
Anchored molecular map of chr 6



Interval	Locus	Normal N/N:N/P:P/P	Insulitis N/N:N/P:P/P	Severe phenotype N/N:N/P:P/P	χ^2 (pvalue)
I	D6Mit21-11	75:26:11	11:9:1	63:28:17	1.55 (ns)
II	D6Mit11-25	113:24:11	16:11:0	77:36:18	11.39 (0.0005)
III	D6Mit25-26	128:25:18	20:8:2	99:40:15	2.82 (ns)

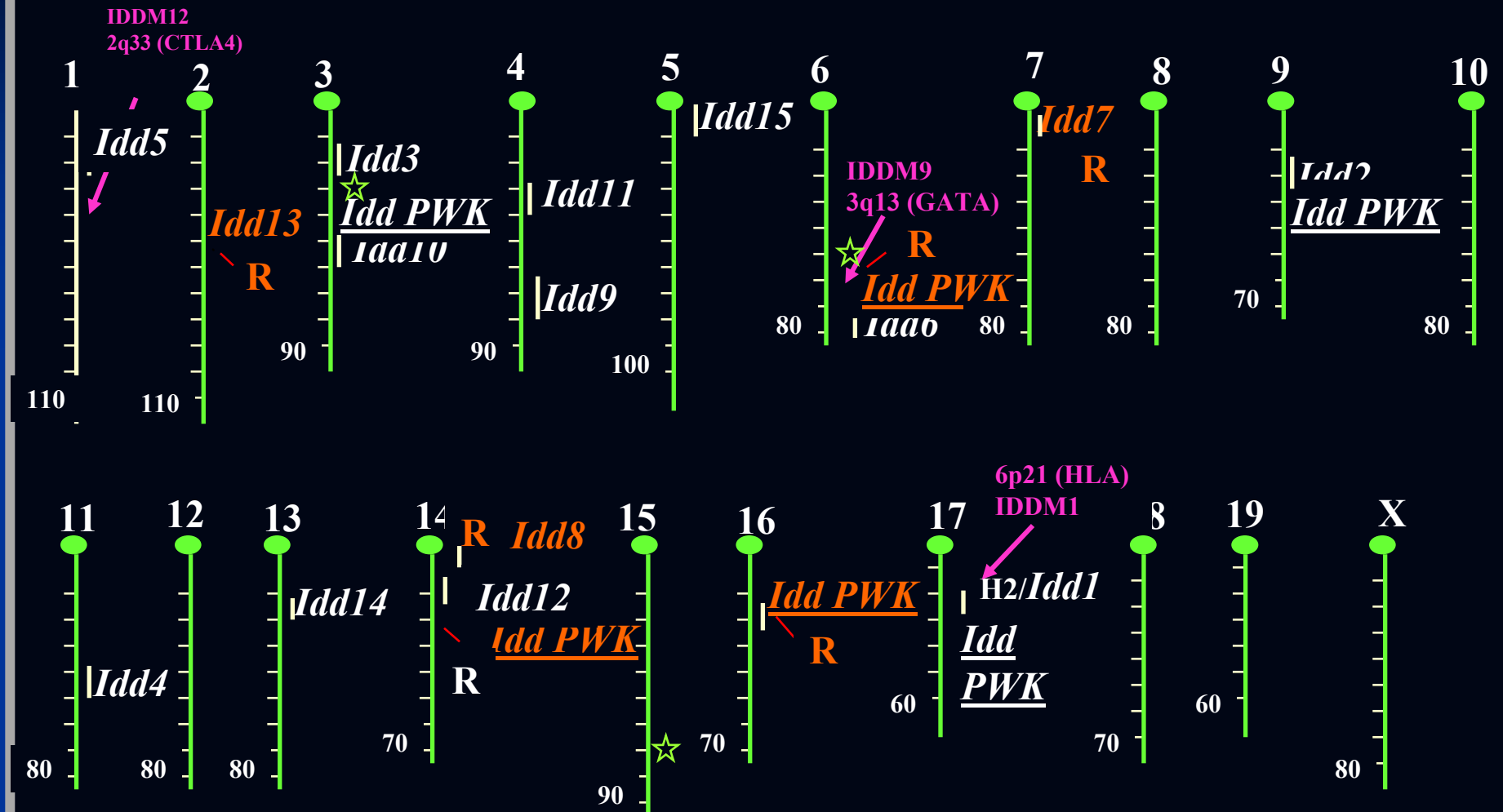
Phenotypic analysis of congenic lines with fixed segments from the Resistant strain, is compatible with the hypothesis of the presence of more than one gene implicated in type 1 diabetes within this region.

Genetic interaction (or epistasis) between genes may explain diabetes phenotypes within the mouse chromosome 6 locus



Melanitou, 1998
Rogner and Melanitou, 2001

Chromosomal locations of *Idd* loci identified by genetic linkage analysis



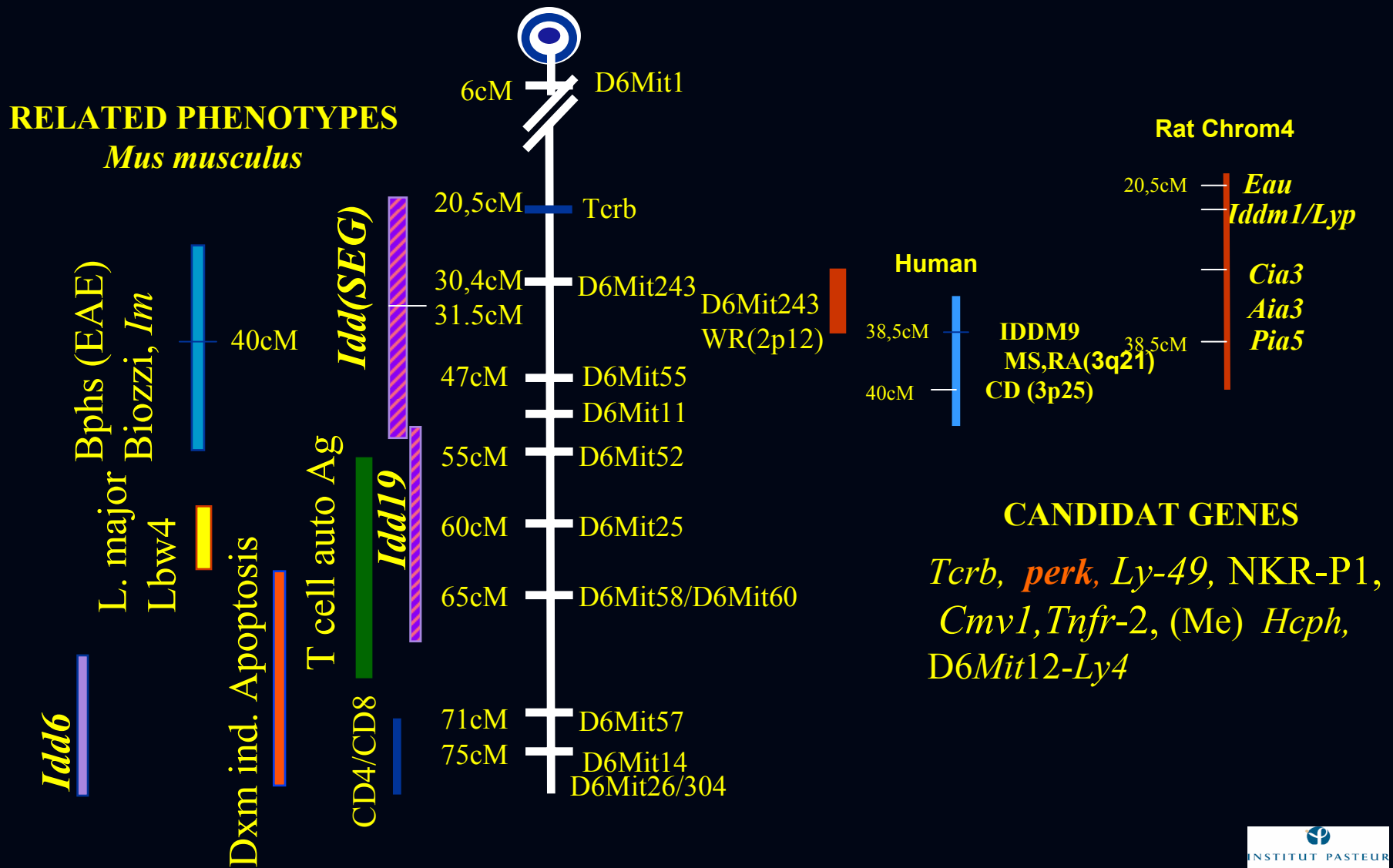
IddPWK : NOD/PWK cross

★ *IddSEG* : NOD/SEG cross

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•CHROMOSOME 6

Candidate genes and associated phenotypes



SUMMARY I

* *Genetics:*

1. **Susceptibility (S)** gene is localised in a genetic interval of 3 to 7 cM, at the most distal part of the locus.
 2. **The resistance (R)** gene is localised within a 0.1 to 2 cM genetic interval proximal to the S locus.
- Epistatic interactions take place between the two loci.

* *Phenotypes:*

1. The presence of R inhibits diabetes onset at T1; a second stimulation is necessary for final phenotype.
2. Epistatic interactions are stronger in a male environment.

S/R respond in a differential manner according to the sex of the animals (hormonal status?)

Interests and limits of the genetic analysis of a complex trait

What did we learn from the Genetics?

1. There is an *Idd* locus on chromosome 6
2. There are possibly several diabetogenic genes within this locus
3. There is interaction between these genes (epistasis)
4. Congenic lines are useful tools for establishing a gene-phenotype correlation

- Construction of additional crosses is necessary for identifying recombinants segregating the genes of interest.
- Positional cloning might be laborious and with uncertain results due to the complexity of the phenotype.

Part II : Gene Expression Networks in Early Autoimmunity

AIM

Towards the identification of molecular mechanisms underlying early steps of autoimmune diabetes

METHOD

Analysis of “gene profiles” specific for the Insulin AutoAntibodies (IAA) diabetes sub-phenotype

TARGET

Lymphoid tissue : Pancreatic Lymph nodes

Outlines

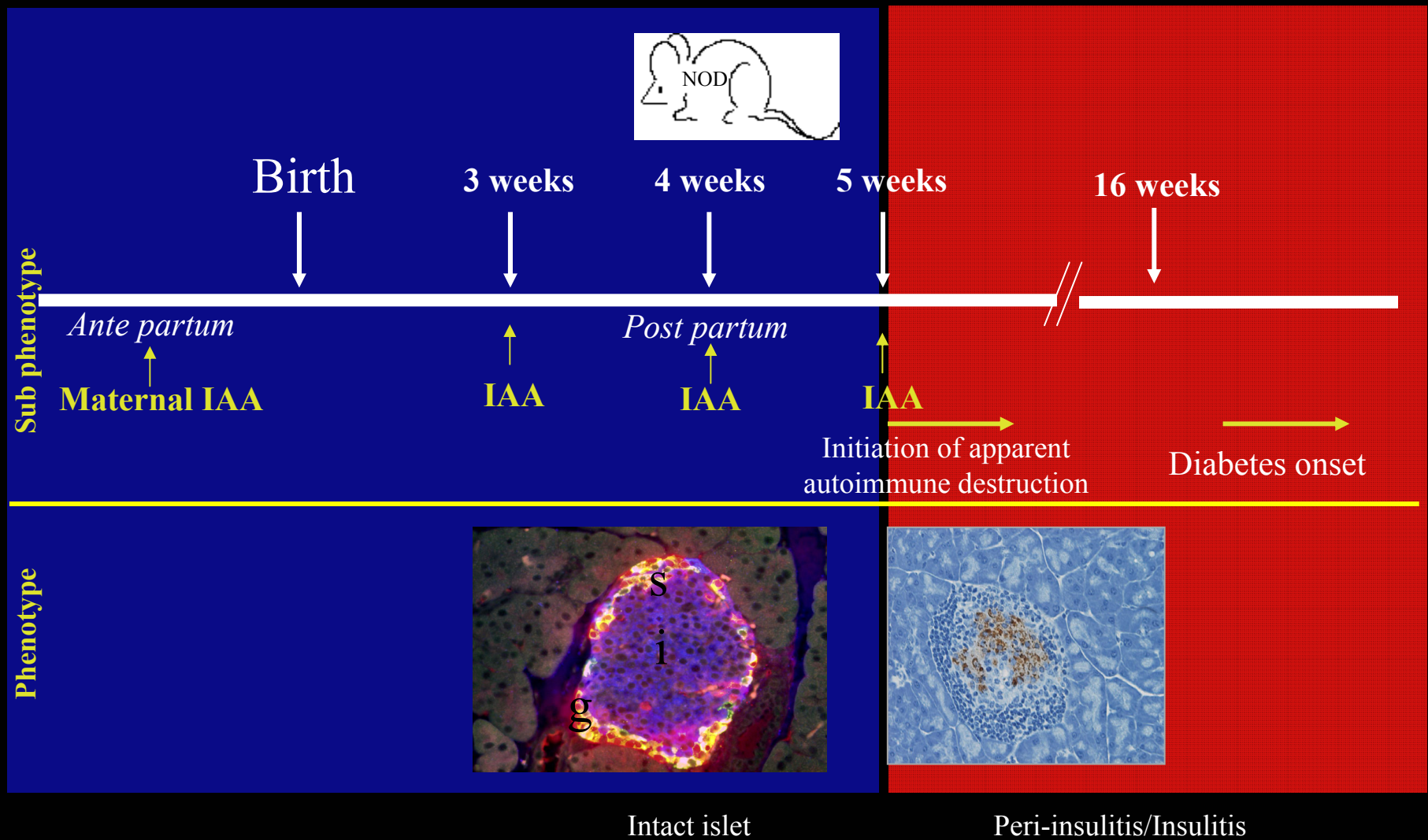
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1. The phenotype:

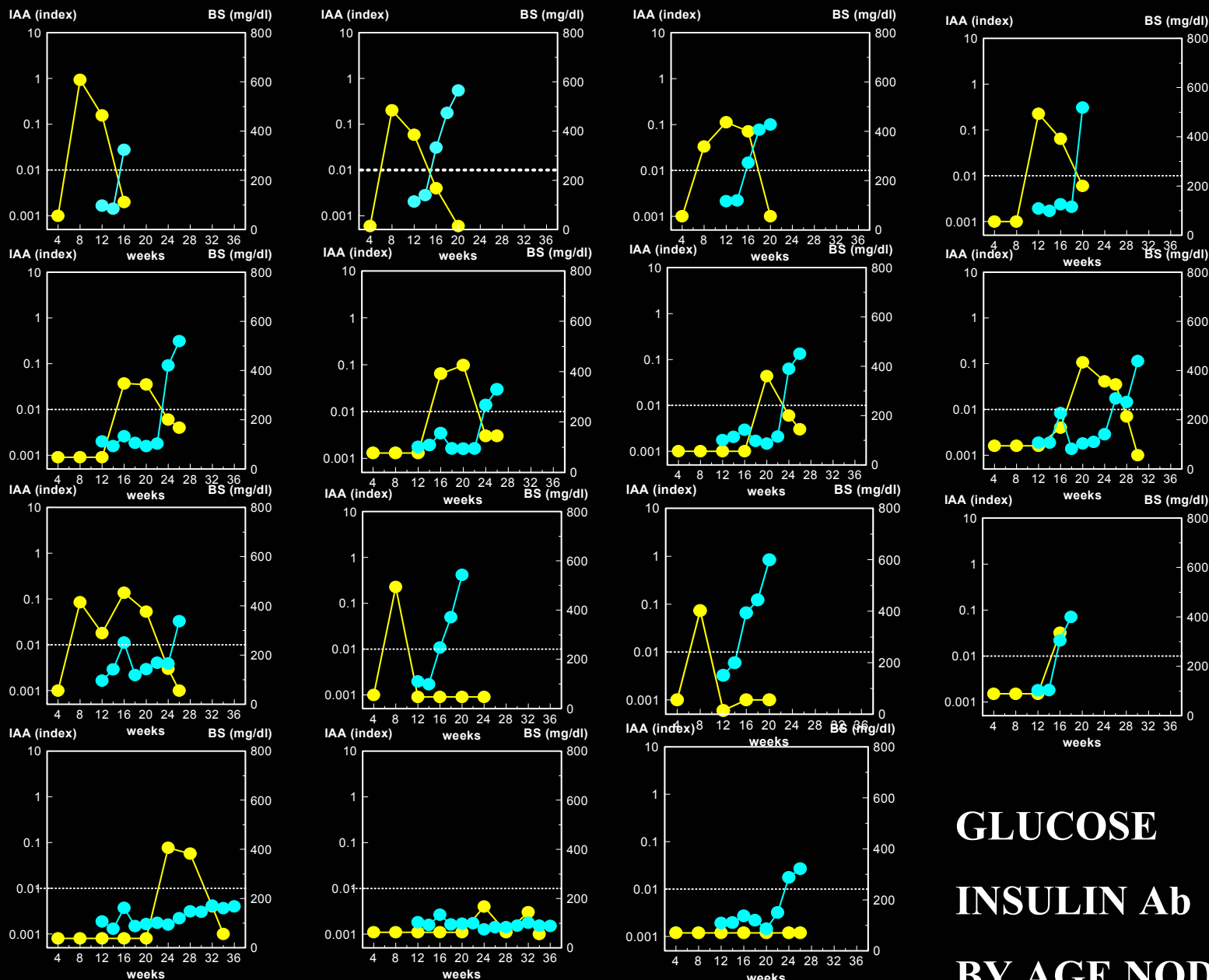
Insulin Auto Antibodies

DISEASE TIME CHART



IAA levels

Blood Sugar levels



WEEKS

GLUCOSE

INSULIN Ab

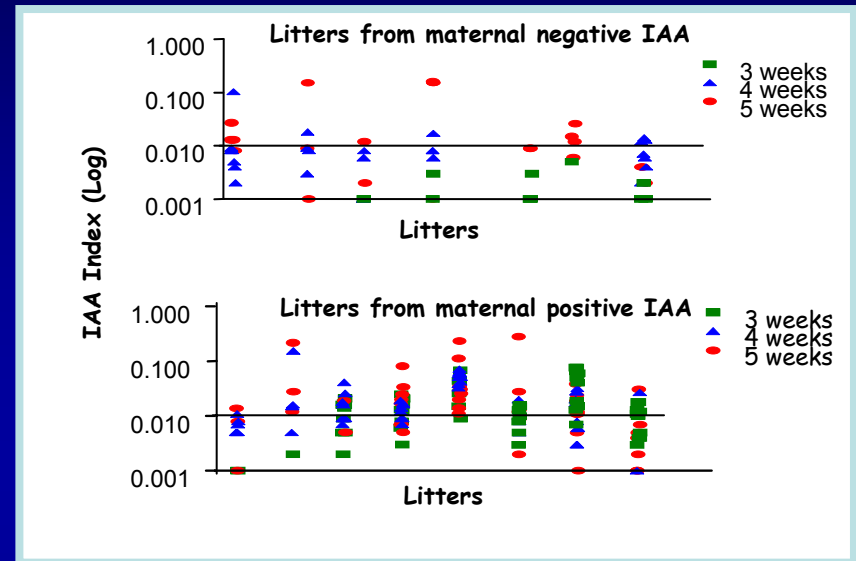
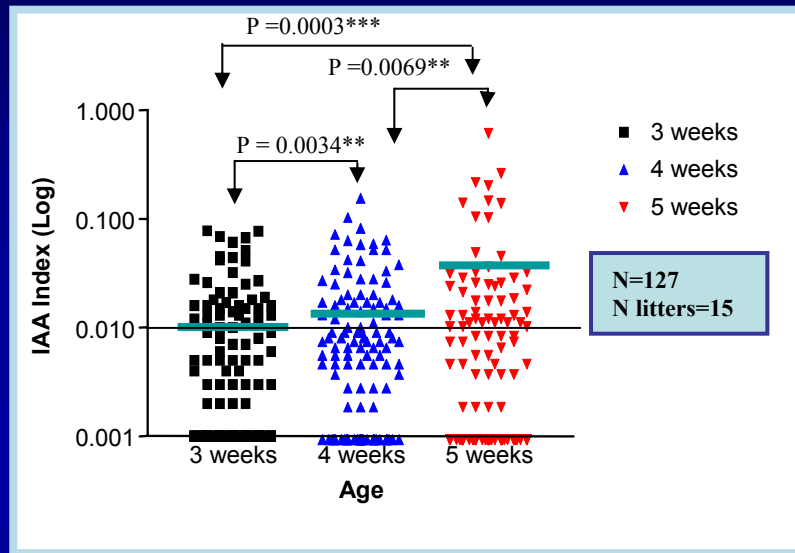
BY AGE NOD

(Eisenbarth's group)

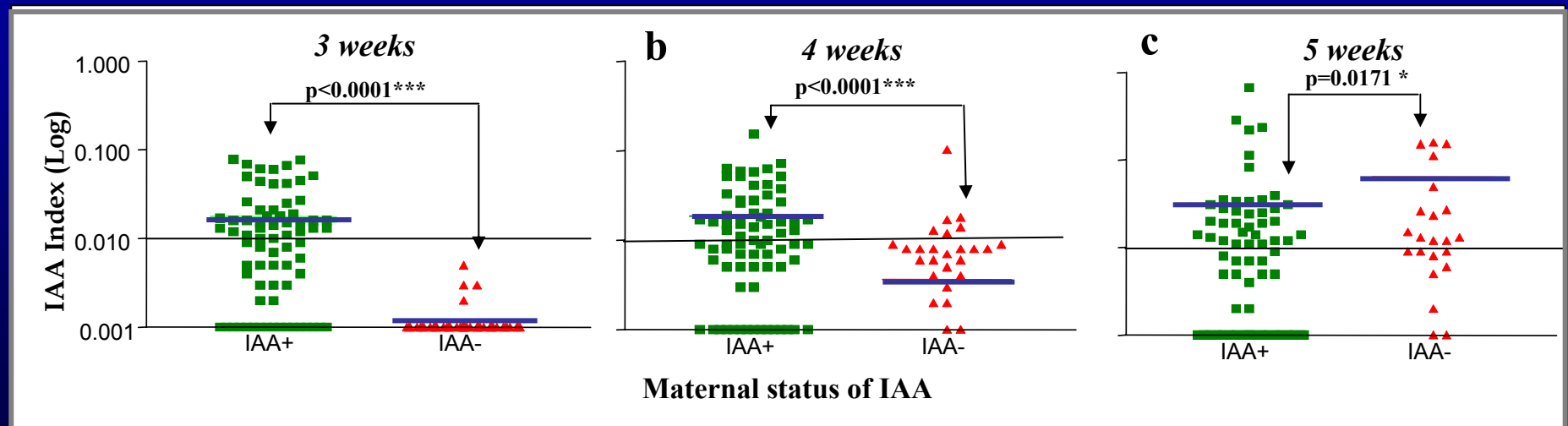
Insulin Auto Antibodies

→ can be detected at 3 weeks (E-IAA)

→ E-IAA in offspring correlate with matIAA *ante partum* status



→ Higher IAA levels are observed in matIAA+ than in matIAA- offspring



Evolution of the E-IAA phenotype

IAA + offspring at 3wks remain IAA + at 8 weeks

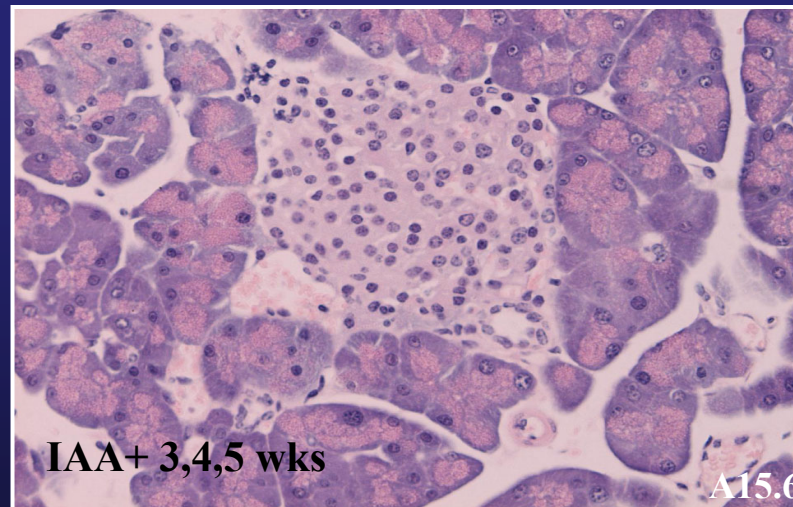
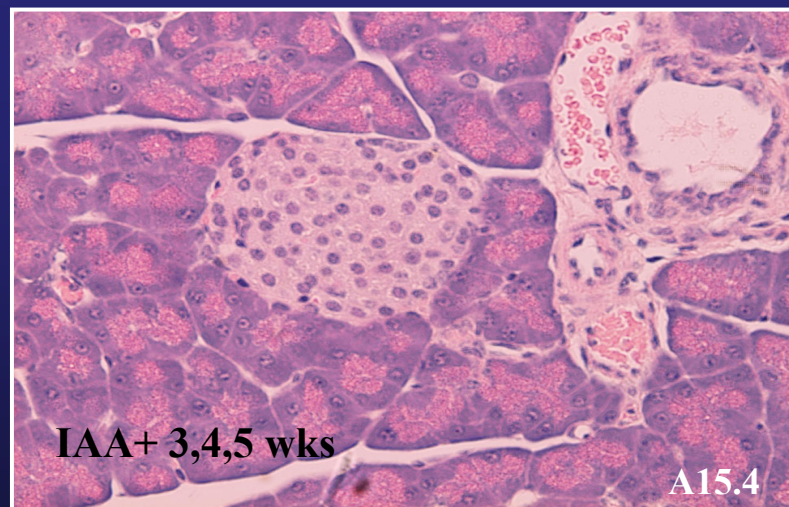
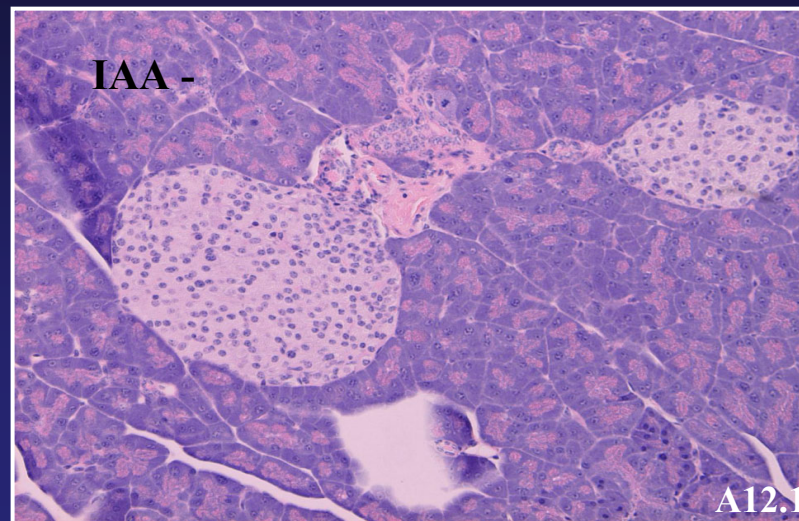
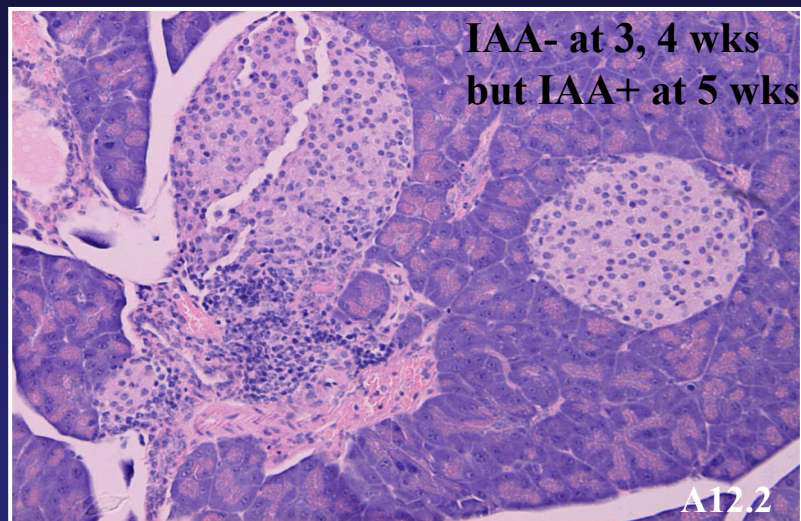
	IAA+ 8wk	IAA- 8wk
IAA+ 3wk	5/8 (62.5%)	3/8
IAA- 3wk	5/14	9/14 (64%)

This data strongly argue for a biological role etiologic or correlative of this E-IAA sub phenotype in later disease phenotype

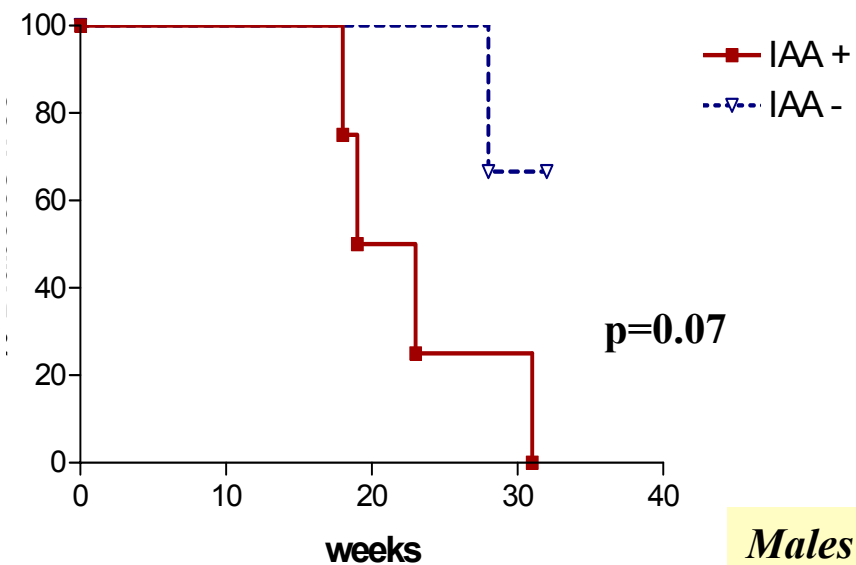
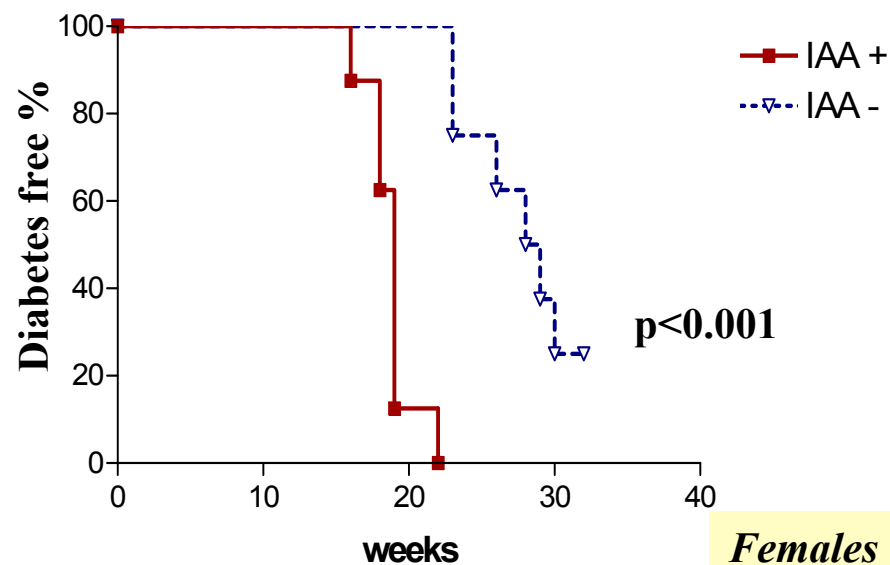
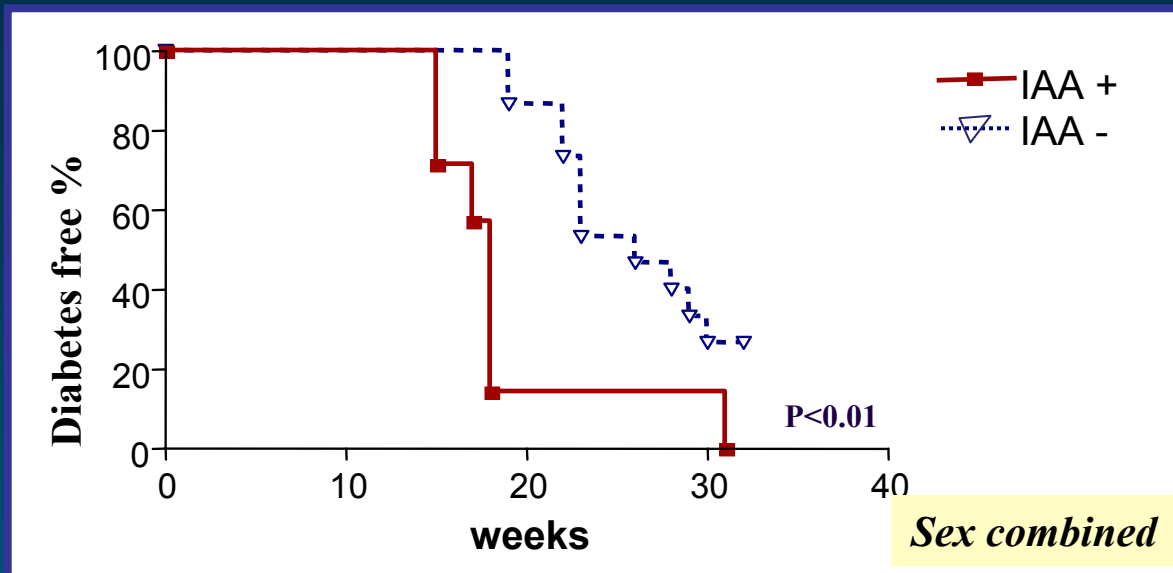
Significance relative to diabetes:

*Does early IAA reflects also early appearance of diabetes
in the NOD mouse ?*

IAA can be present without any apparent insulitis at 5 weeks



Early diabetes incidence correlates with E-IAA (3-5 wks of age)

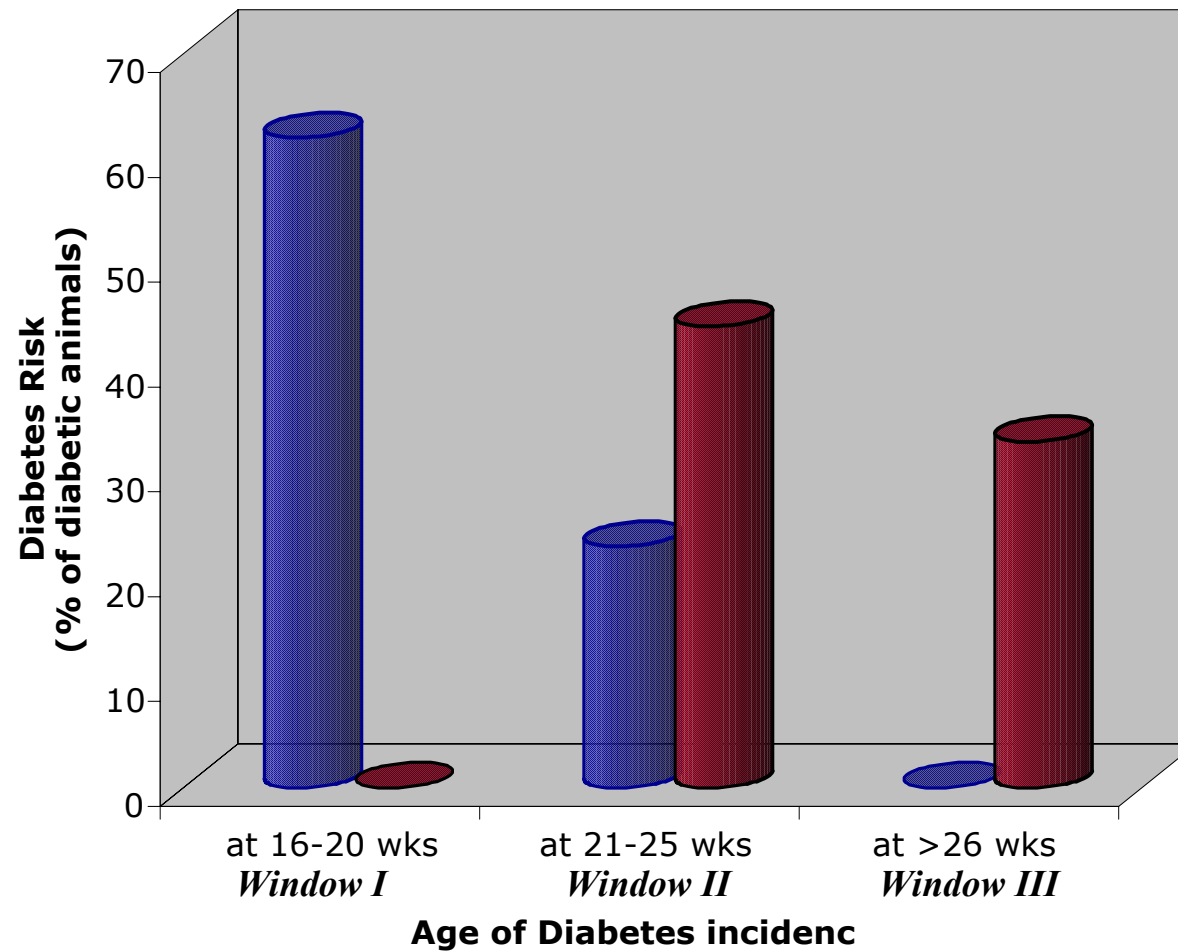


Transplacental Auto Antibodies?

- Maternal IAA showed lower levels than the IAA in the pups
- Rarely were transient as pups usually remained IAA+
- The presence of IAA at 3 weeks correlated with IAA at 8 weeks
- E-IAA correlates with Early Type 1 diabetes (16 - 20 weeks)

Phenotypic windows defined by IA

■ IAA+ at 3-5 wks ■ IAA+ at 8-20 wks



SUMMARY II

- Maternal IAA influences the IAA frequency in the offspring in a significantly different manner
- The presence of IAA at 3 weeks correlated with IAA at 8 weeks
- E-IAA is quantal and correlates with Early Type 1 diabetes (16 - 20 weeks)
- Maternal immune imprinting takes place predisposing the litters to early autoimmunity
- Autoimmune windows can be defined by the presence of E-IAA

Finally

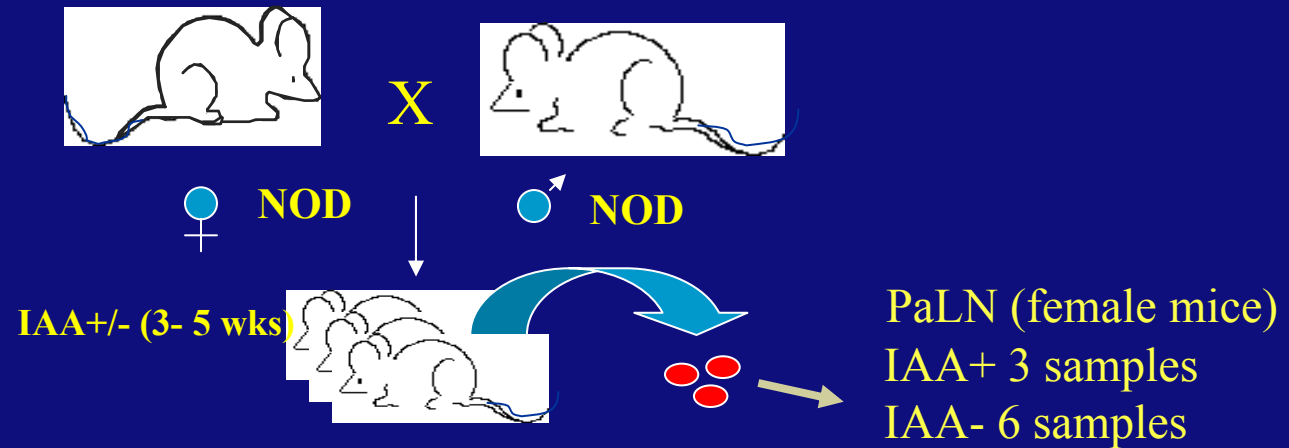
in an analogy to the transferable maternal immunologic memory the period before and after birth might be the key in understanding also autoimmunity

Second part :

**Is there a molecular signature that distinguishes at an early stage
individuals which will develop diabetes ?**

Experimental design

Maternal IAA status



Pancreatic Lymph Node gene profiles specific to early IAA, sub-phenotype of type diabetes

Gene signatures : Description of the approach

Affymetrix Microarray Analysis

- ☉ The Murine Genome U74v2 Set is comprised of 3 arrays
- ☉ This represents ~36,000 full-length genes and EST clusters
- ☉ The sequences represented are derived from sequence clusters in Build 74 of the UniGene Database. UniGene clusters are represented by one or more consensus sequences derived directly from cluster members

Define Relationships Between Known Genes

- ☉ The first array in the set (MG-U74Av2) represents all sequences (~6,000) in the Mouse UniGene database that have been functionally characterized
- ☉ In addition, ~6,000 EST clusters are also represented on this single array



Microarray flowchart

- Isolate total RNA by Quiagen kit (~ 5 µg)
- Quantitate RNA by spectrophotometry
- Check RNA quality by Agilent RNA chip
(high quality of RNA is necessary)
- Synthesize double stranded cDNA
**T7-(dT)24 primer + Reverse Transcriptase: first strand
DNA polymerase-I /T4 DNA polymerase**
- Generate biotinylated RNA by in vitro transcription
Biotin-labeled Ribo nucleotides by T7 RNA polymerase
- Fragment RNA (**RNA hydrolysis 200-300bp**)
- Hybridize to array
- Stain with streptavidin-phycoerythrin
- Scan chip
- Normalize fluorescence
- Analyze results

Eukaryotic Target Labeling for GeneChip® Probe Arrays

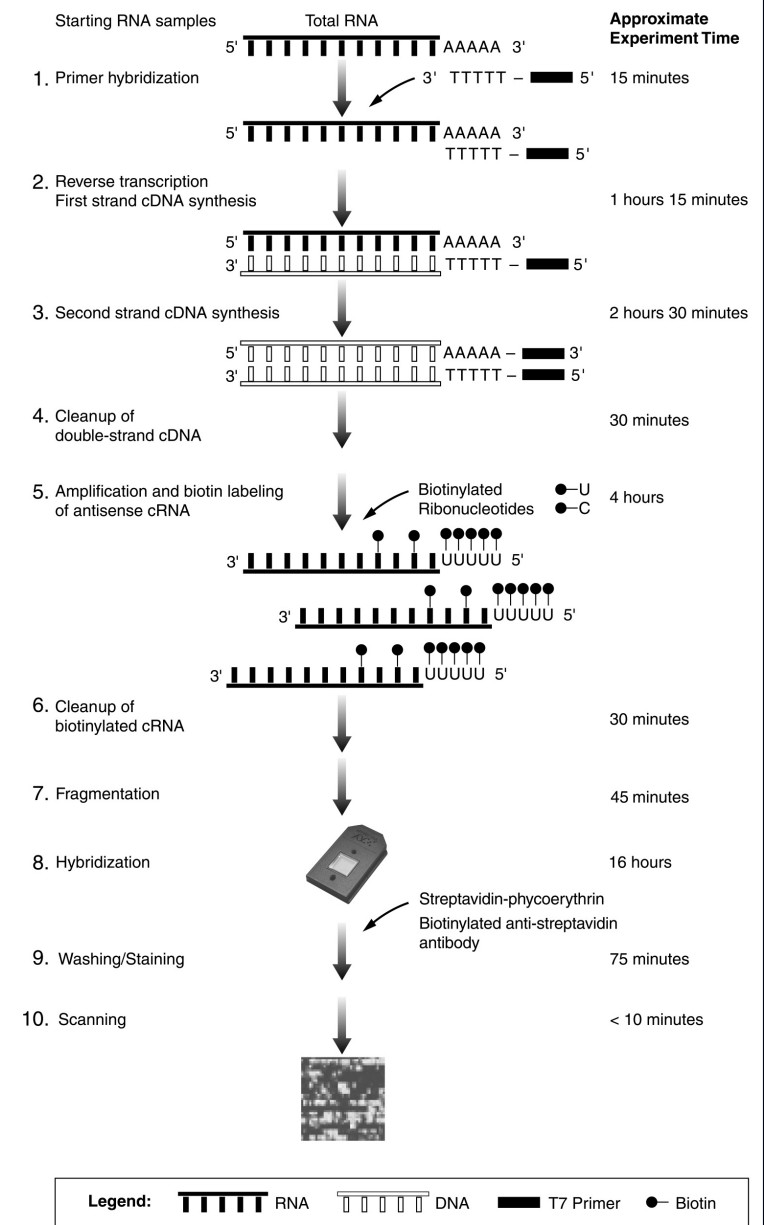
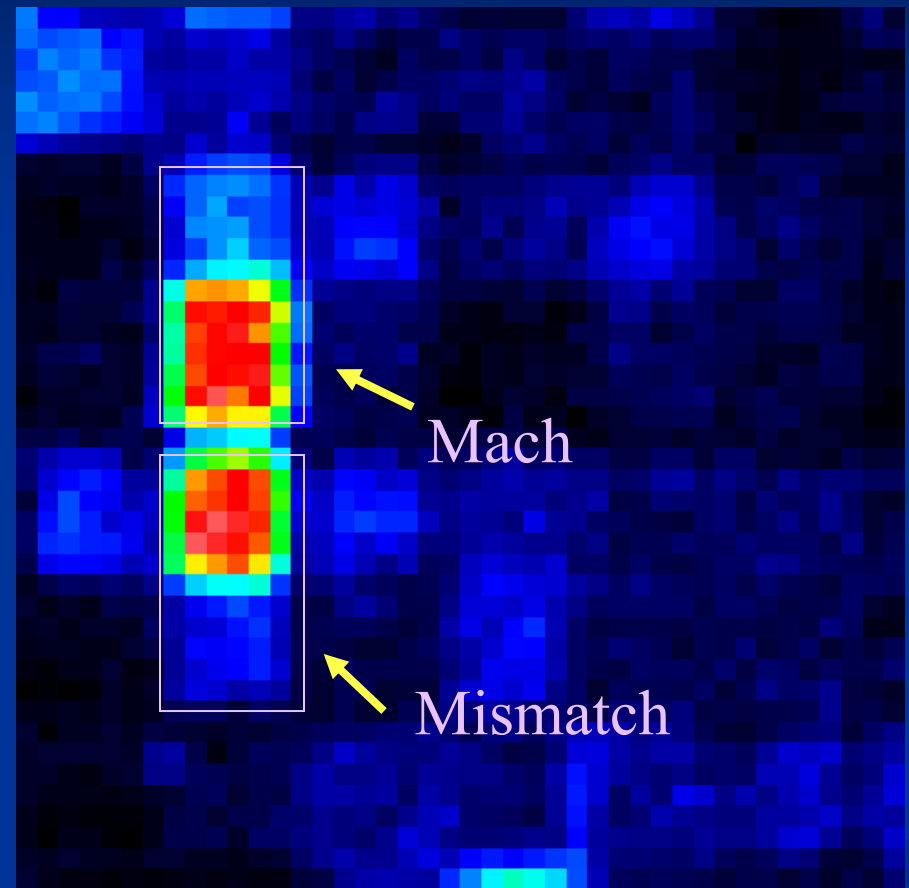
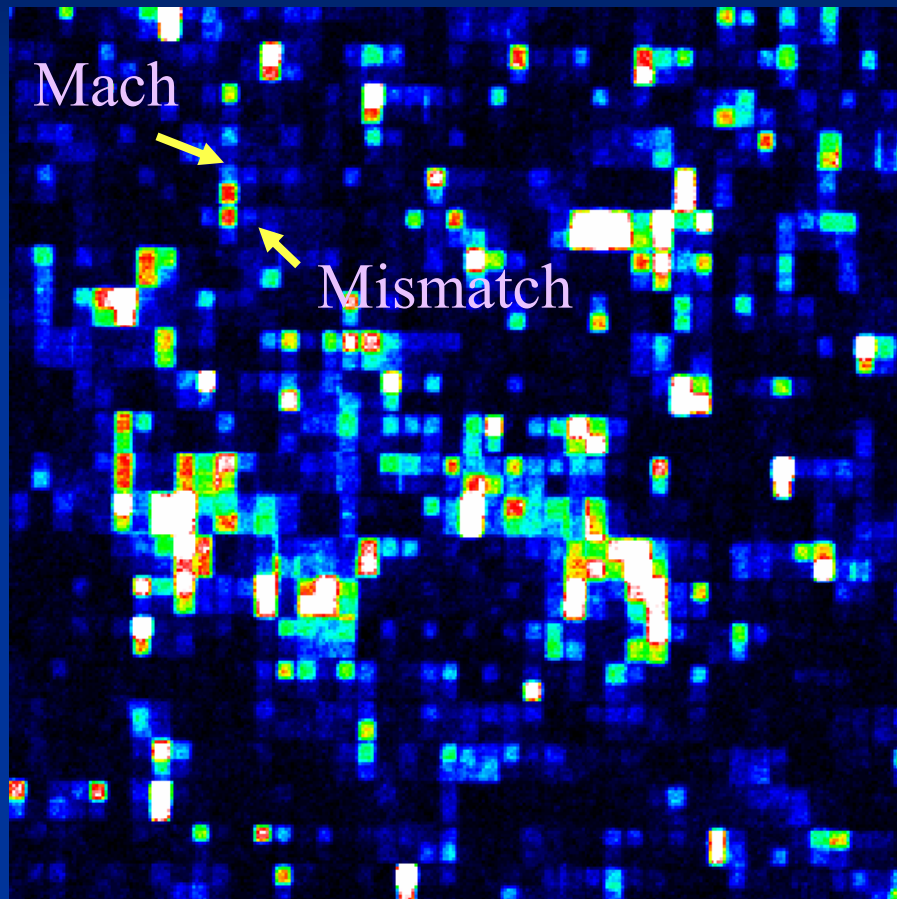
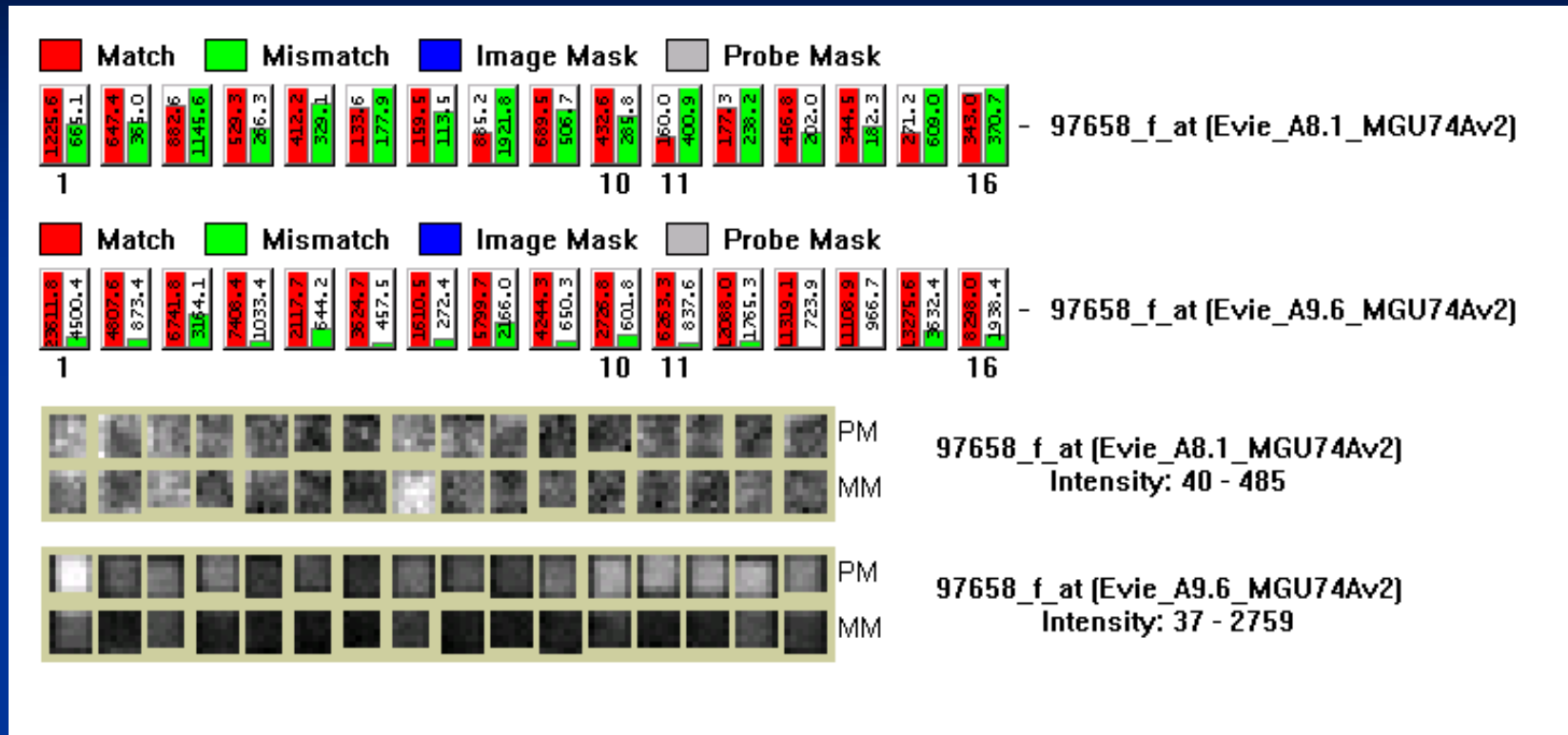


Figure 1.15.1.1

Hybridized microarray and scanned.
Each spot gives information as to the relative abundance of the mRNA which is complementary to the DNA in the spot.
In this manner it is possible to gather mRNA expression levels for thousands of genes simultaneously.



Data analysis in Microarray Suite



Sample	Signal	Detection	Detection p-value
A8.1	115.6	A	0.418069
A9.6	4862.3	P	0.000219

$$D = (PM - MM) / (PM + MM)$$

This Discrimination Score (D) for each probe set is used to calculate a Detection p-value and to assign genes a Present, Marginal or Absent call

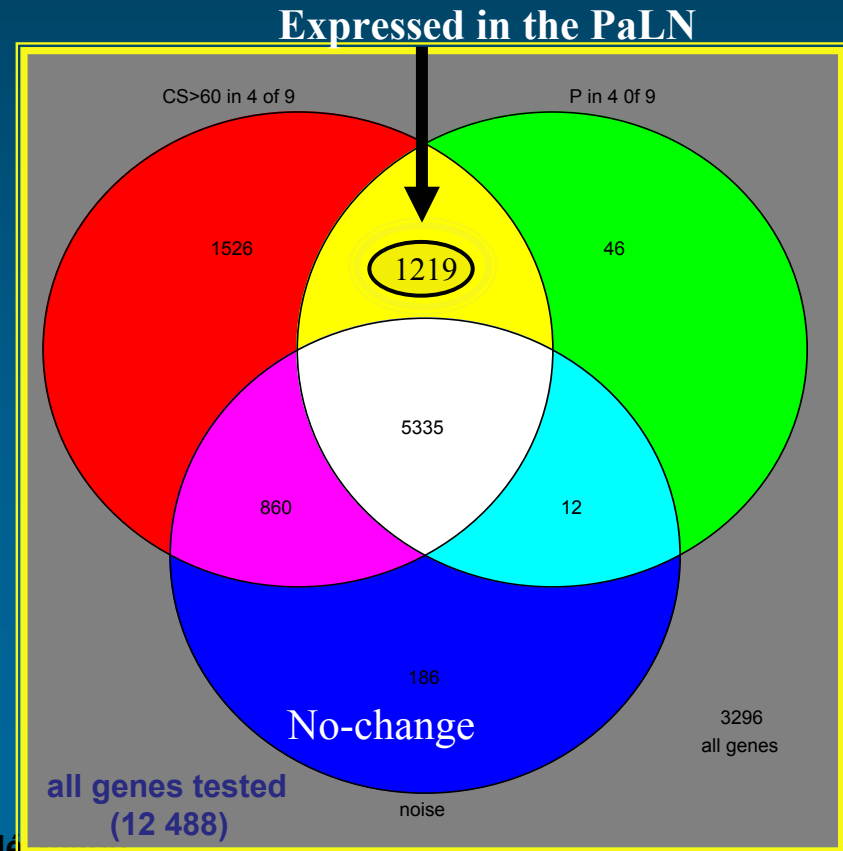
Data analysis GS6.0

NORMALIZATION

- Per chip normalization: Normalize to the distribution of all genes using 50th percentile
- Per gene normalization: Normalize to the median for each gene (a cut-off value of 0.01)
- Make minimum value 0

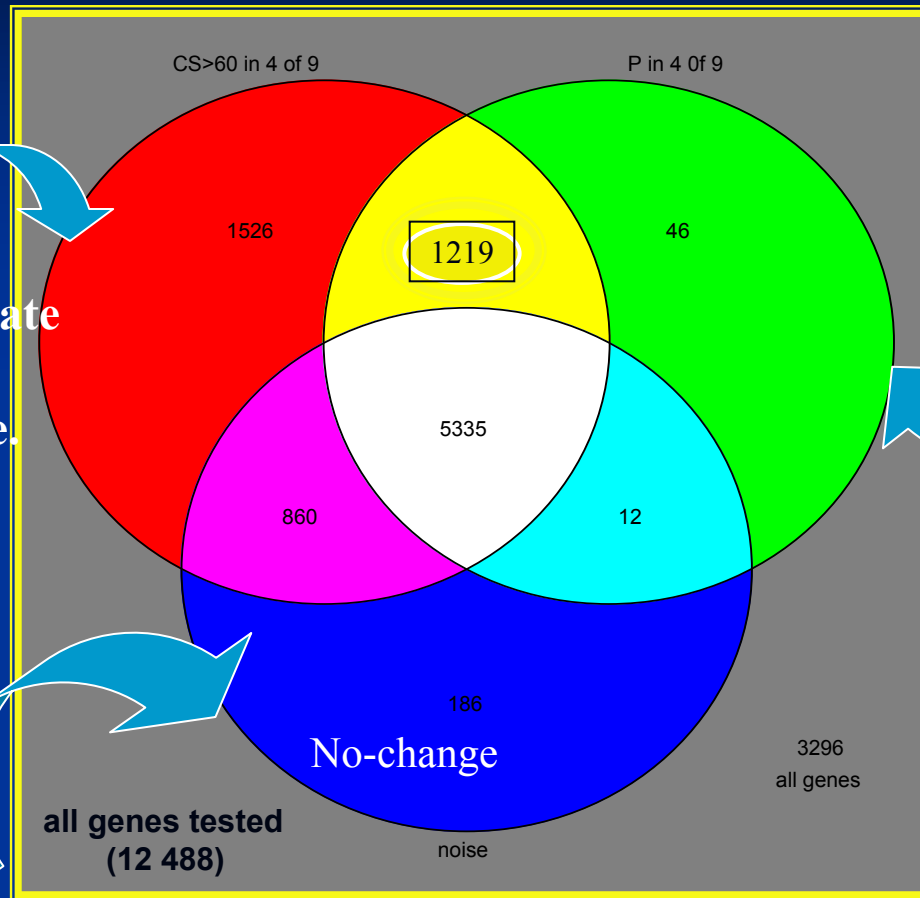
FILTERING

- Control Strength CS>60
- Genes not changing (generated by using the drawn gene function in which this artificial gene was a horizontal line)
- Genes present in at least 4 out of 9 samples
- Plot data by Venn diagram



Data Analysis - Genespring

1. Calculate an estimate of noise, and find genes above the noise.



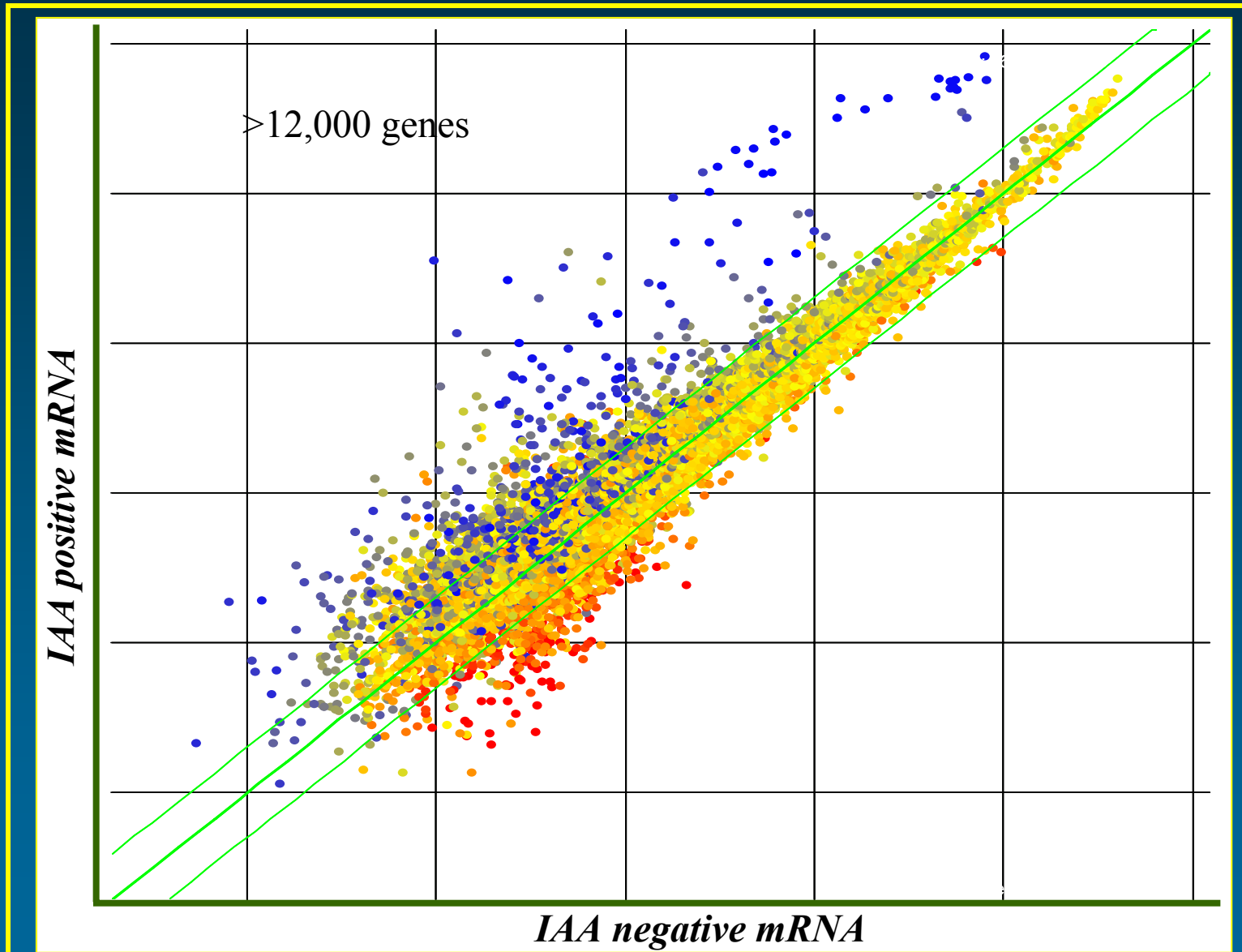
2. Find genes that are “Present” in at least 4 of the 9 samples.

3. Find genes that do not change either:

- a) Considering each sample separately (no grouping by phenotype) OR
- b) Grouping by phenotype

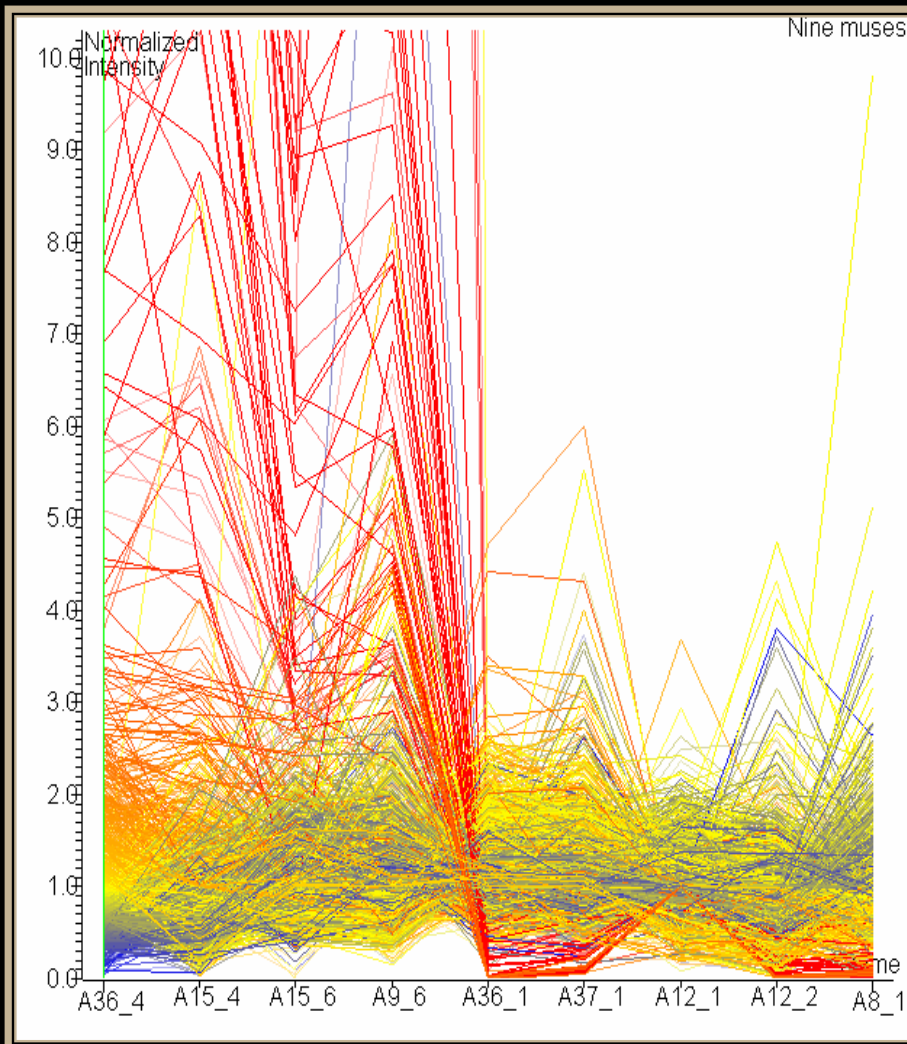
Then, using a Venn diagram, find the genes in 1 and 2, but not 3.

*Correlation of all genes expression for IAA positive vs IAA negative in PaLN
(Scatter plot Arrays MU74AVersion 2, GS6.0)*



Distribution of gene expression patterns in PaLN of IAA+ and IAA- NOD mice

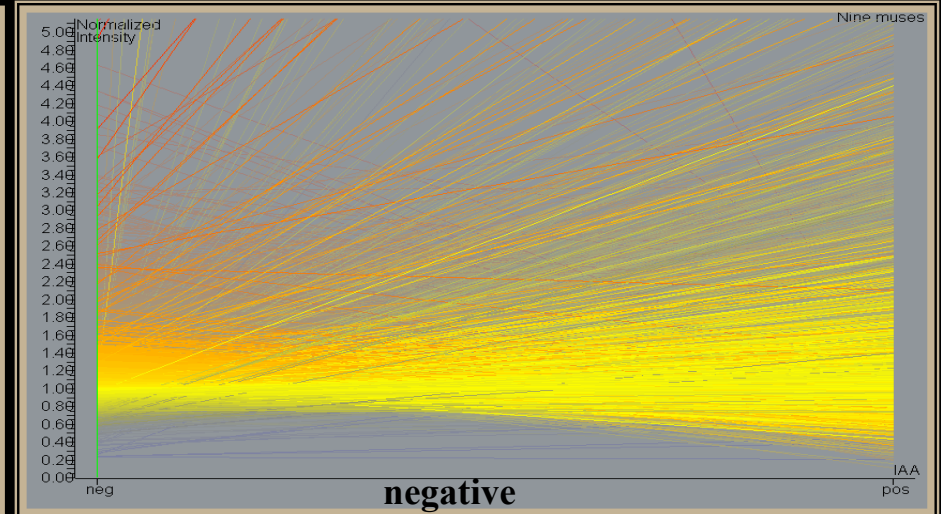
Line diagram of genes changing
by expression



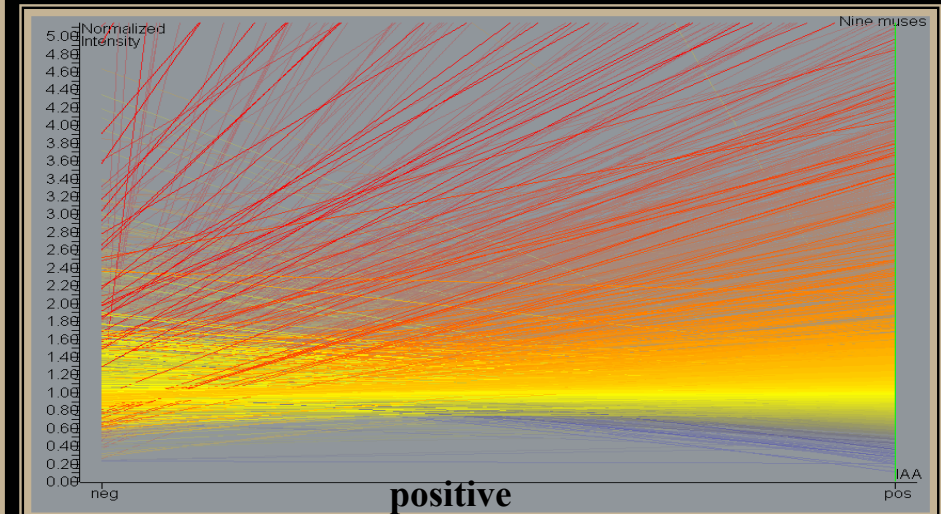
IAA+ gene patterns

IAA- gene patterns

Line diagrams of differences
Of 12,488 genes expression patterns



negative

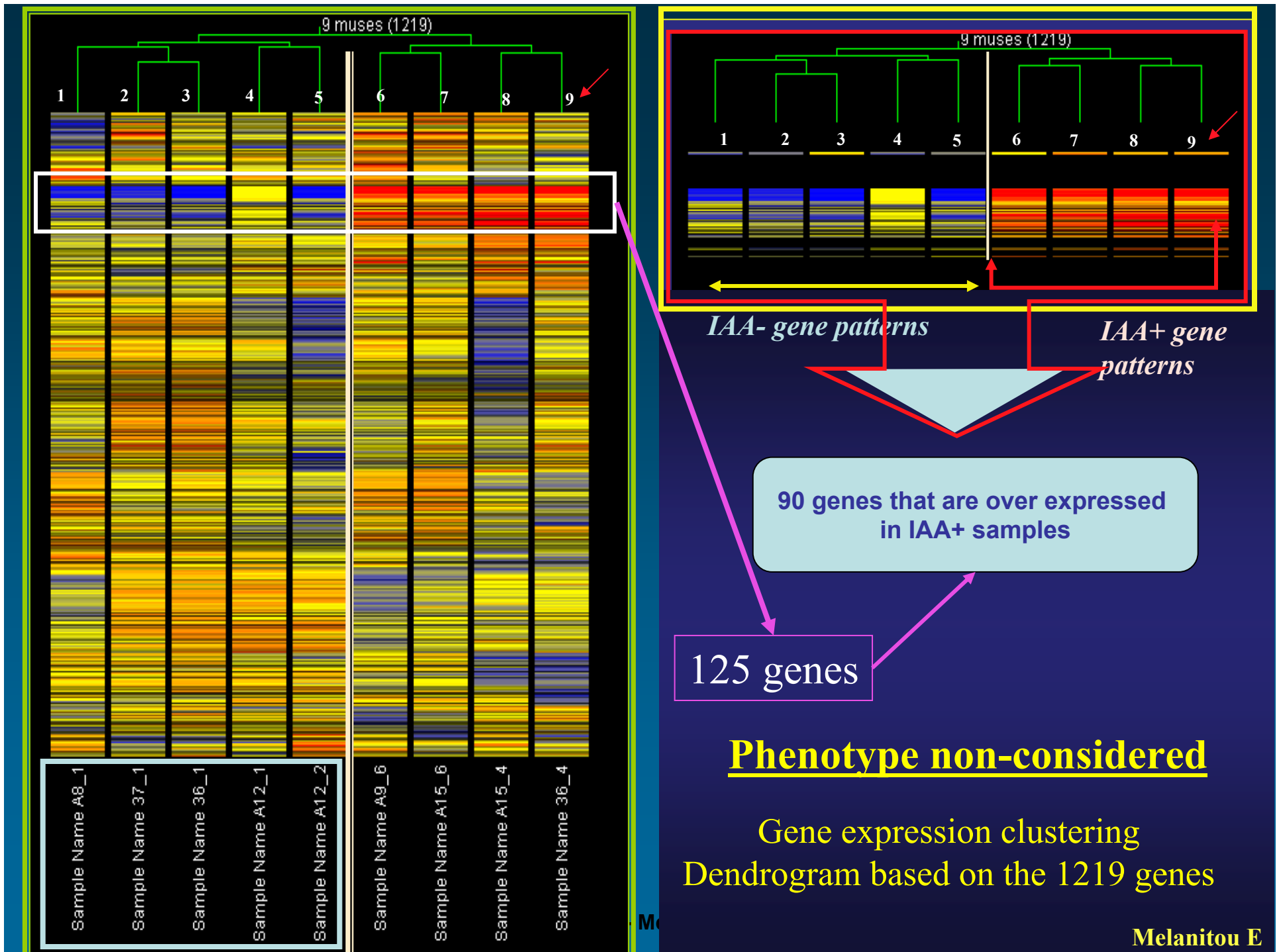


positive

All genes

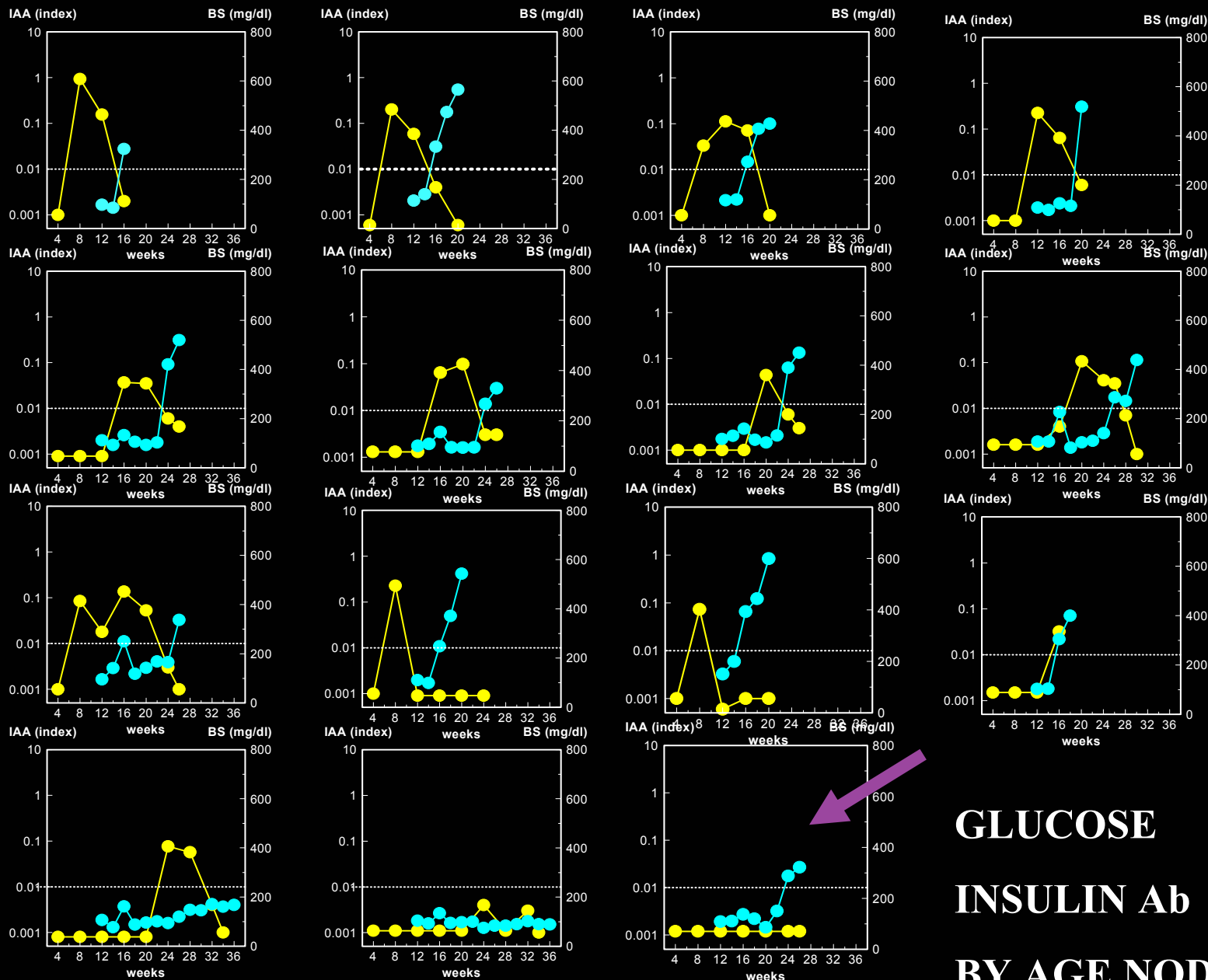
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IAA levels

Blood Sugar levels



WEEKS

GLUCOSE

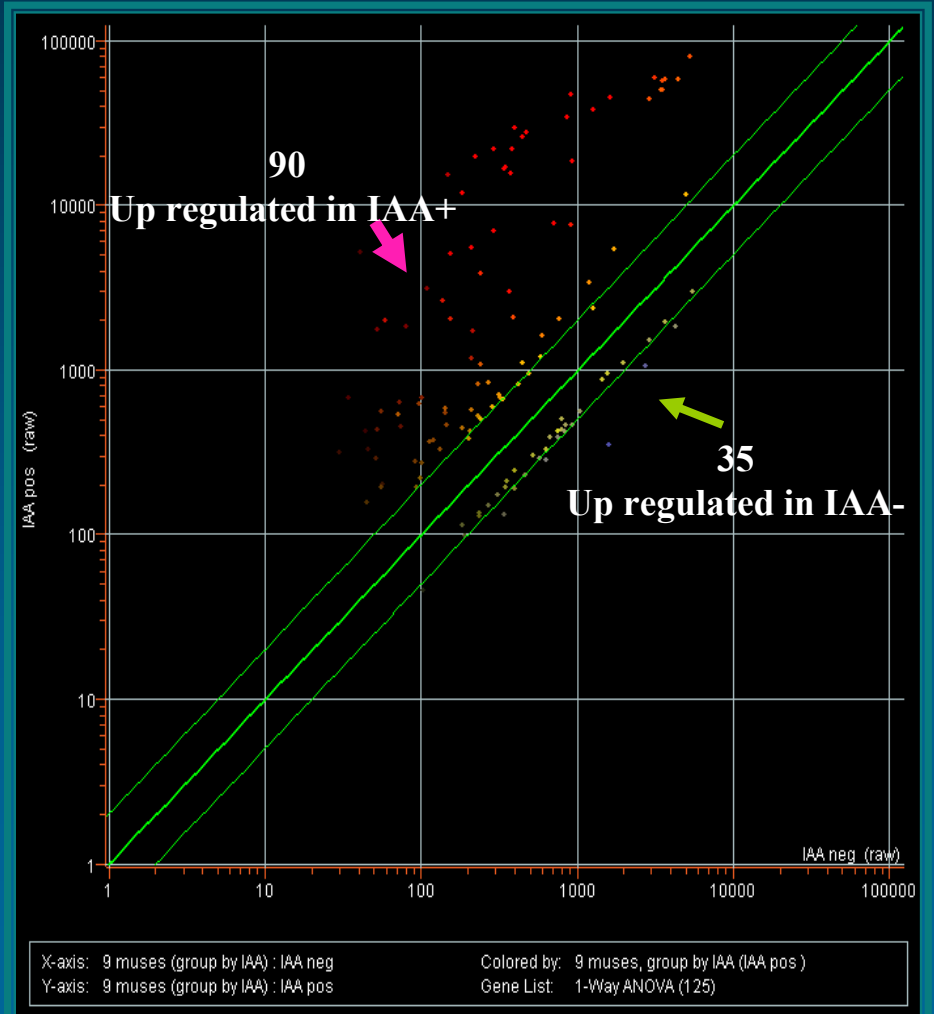
INSULIN Ab

BY AGE NOD

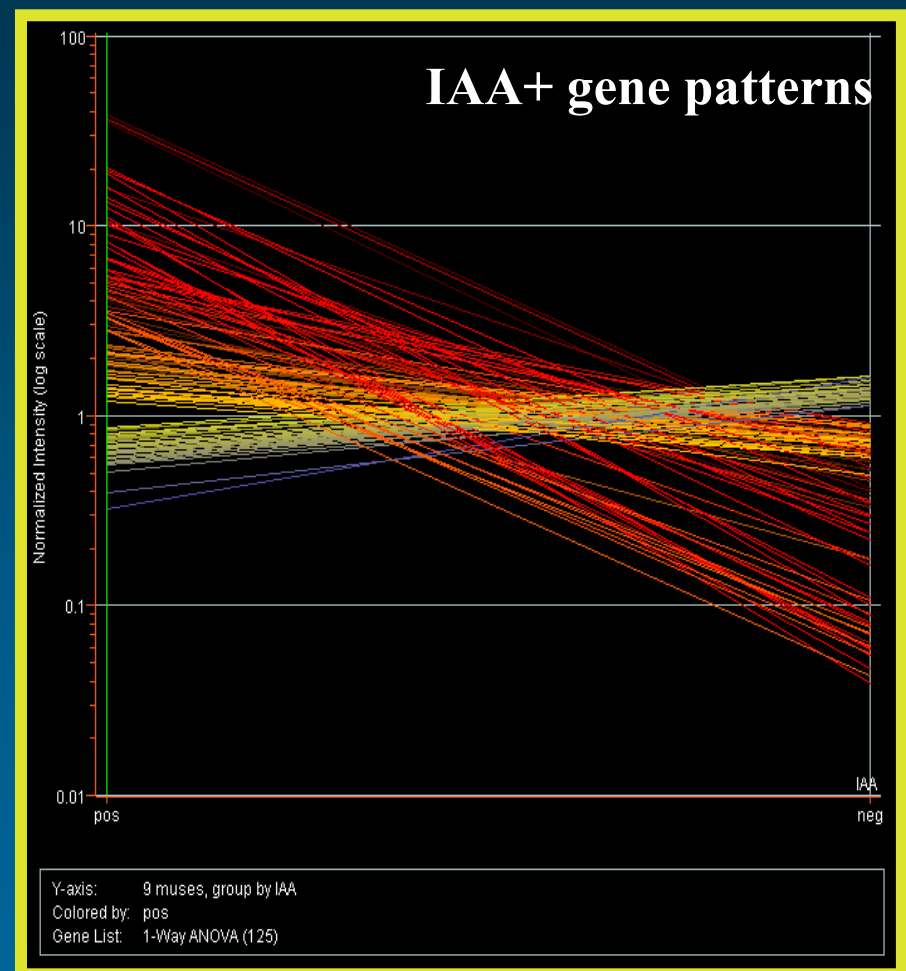
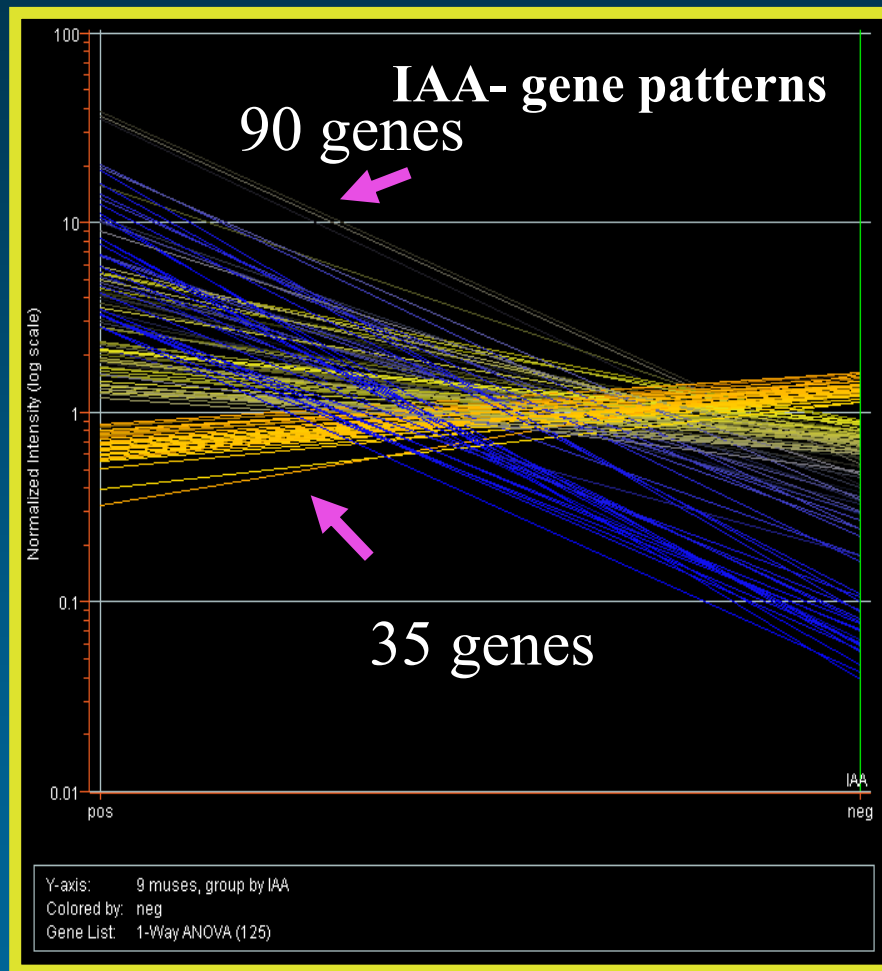
(Eisenbarth's group)

The 1219 genes have been analyzed for differences with the Welch's T-test (does not assume that variances are equal, p value cut-off =0.10)
Multiple correction method by the Benjamini and Hochberg false discovery rate

125 genes



Line diagrams of differences in gene expression patterns 125 significantly different genes



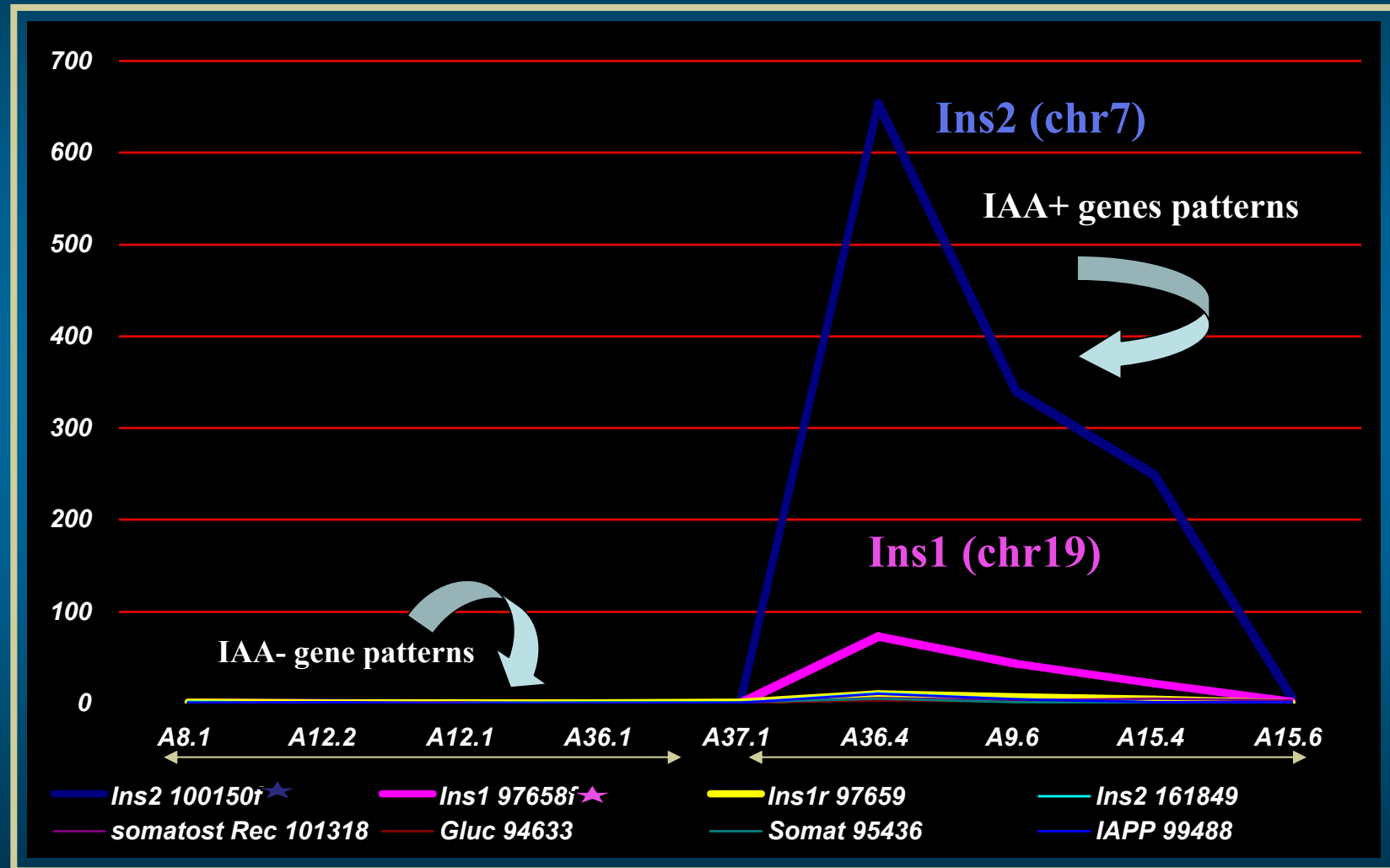
Biological Significance of gene profiling

Functional analysis of the microarray data

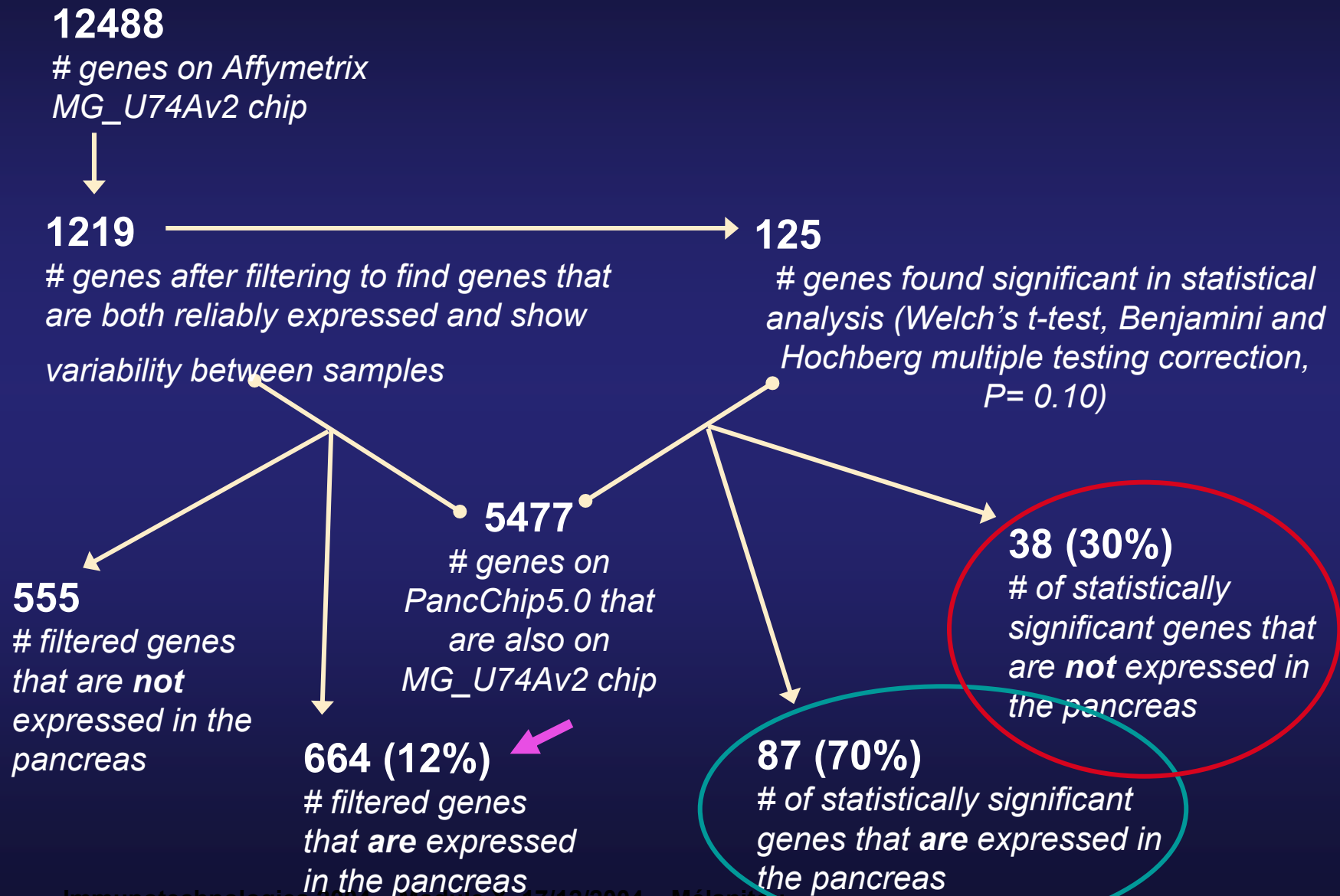
1. How many islet-specific genes are found also expressed in the PaLN?
2. How many genes expressed in the PaLN are also expressed in the pancreas?
3. Are there gene networks specific to the presence or absence of IAA?
4. Hierarchy of genes expressed, by differences intensity.

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Relative intensity



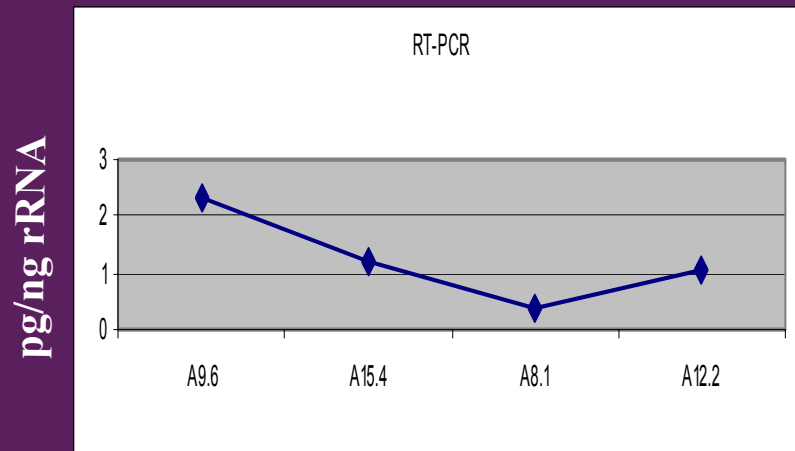
2. How many genes expressed in the PaLN are also expressed in the pancreas?



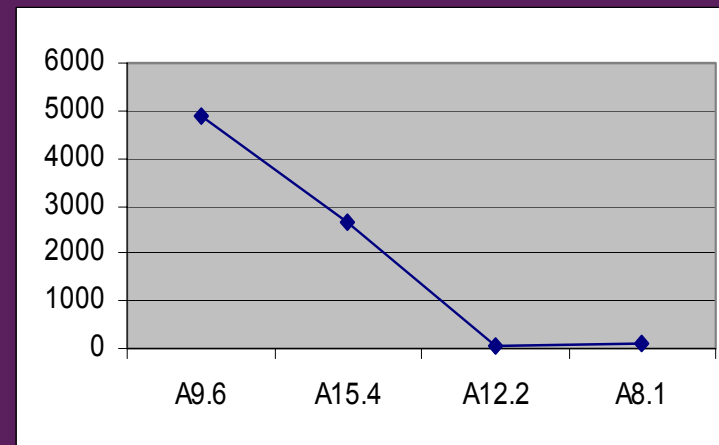
Q-RT-PCR vs microarrays: insulin genes expression

Insulin 1

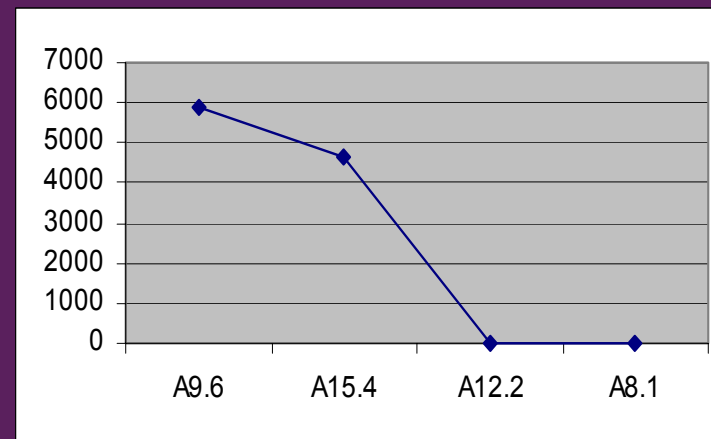
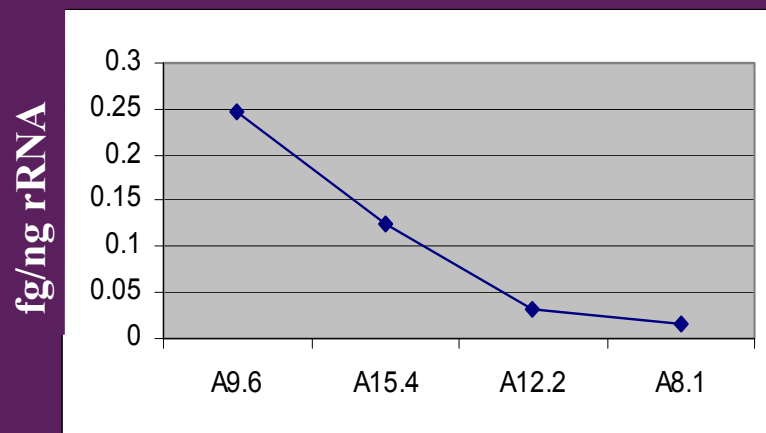
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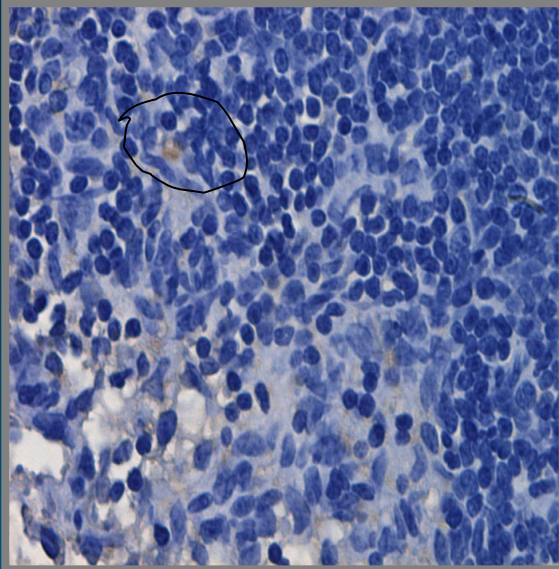
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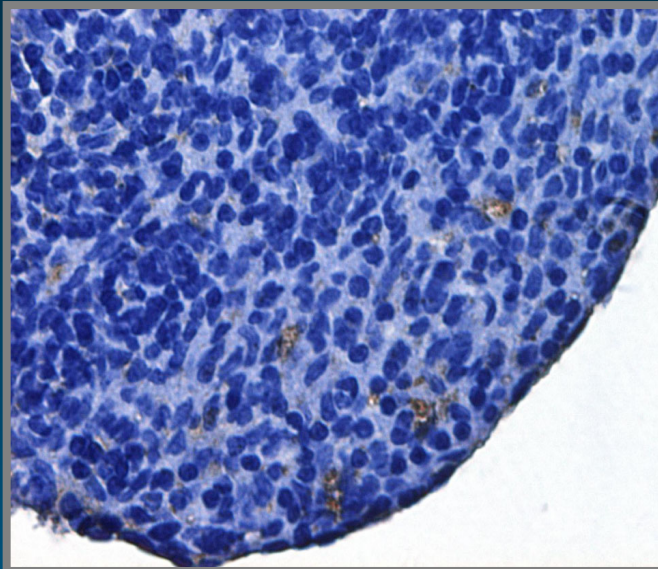
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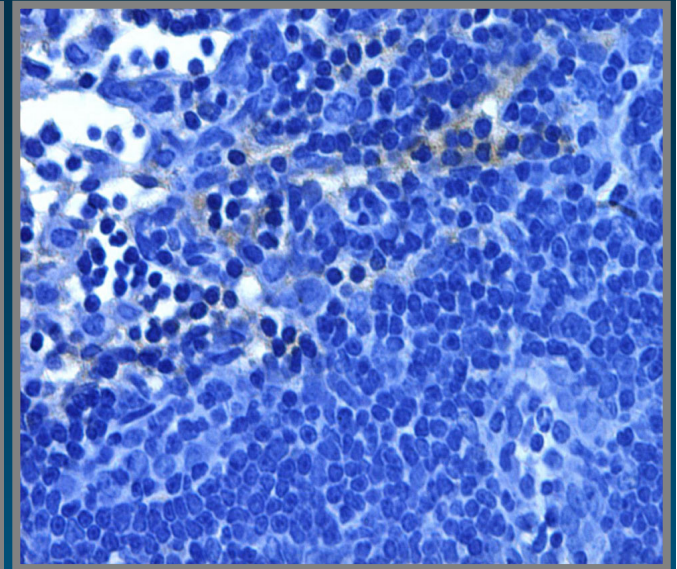
Pancreatic lymph Nodes : Insulin 1:200 (5 weeks, females)



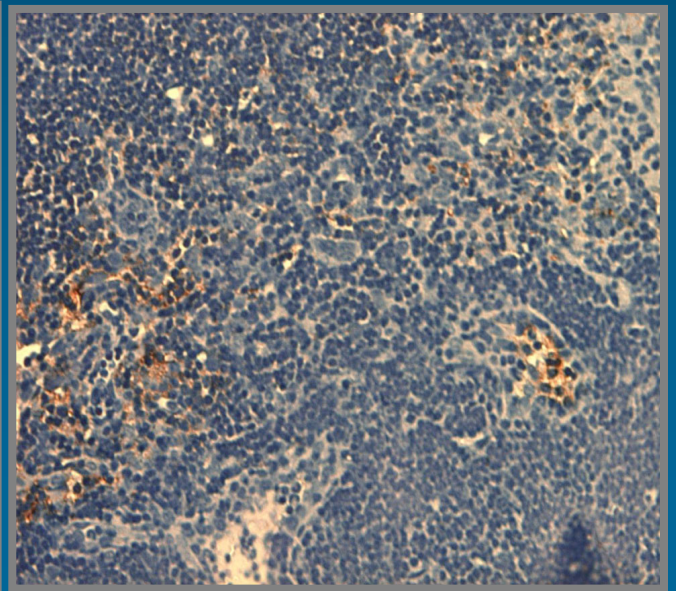
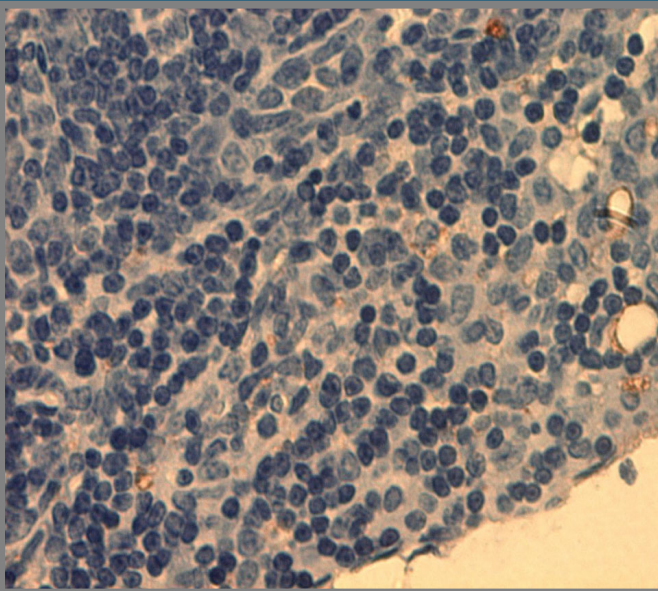
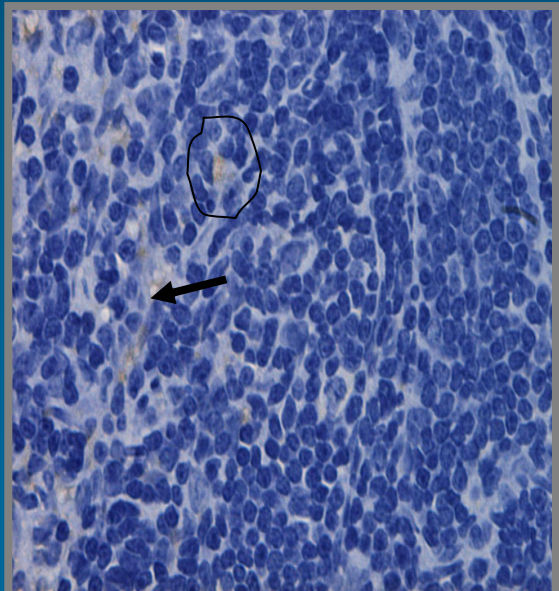
Balb/c



C57Bl6



NOD/Tac



3. Are there gene networks specific to the presence or absence of IAA?

90 IAA+ up regulated genes

Biological process	%genes from GO	% genes from list
•Physiological process	0.7%	49%
• Digestion	66.6%	9%
•Metabolism	0.7%	34%
• Catabolism	0.3%	21%
• Macromolecular catabolism	2.9%	16%
• Protein metabolism	1%	18%
• Protein catabolism	3%	16%
• Proteolysis and peptidolysis	3%	16%
•Cellular process	0.4%	20%
•Cell growth and/or maintenance	0.6%	14%

35 IAA+ down regulated genes

Biological process	%genes from GO	% genes from list
•Physiological process	0.3%	54%
•Metabolism	0.3%	40%
•Catabolism	0.4%	8.5%
•Macromolecular catabolism	0.6%	8.5%
•Protein metabolism	0.2%	8.5%
•Protein catabolism	0.6%	8.5%
•Proteolysis and peptidolysis	0.6%	8.5%
•Cellular process	0.2%	23%
•Cell growth and/or maintenance	0.2%	14.2%
•Cell communication	0.1%	8.5%
• Nucleobase, nucleoside and nucleic acid metabolism	0.4%	20%
• RNA metabolism	3%	11%
• RNA processing	3.1%	11%
• mRNA processing	3.5%	8.5%

SUMMARY III

- There are **gene network differences** in the PaLN at 5 weeks of age between IAA+ and - NOD mice
- A **stochastic expression** of pancreas related genes is associated with early autoimmunity
- Selective genes involved in protein metabolism/catabolism are **up-regulated** in the IAA+ samples
- In contrast, genes involved in RNA processing are **up-regulated** in the IAA- samples
- Several genes playing a role in **T cell activation/regulation** are differentially expressed
- **IAA is a good marker** for early autoimmune changes in T1D reflecting gene profiles changes