

# Fattori di rischio genetici ed ambientali nella sclerosi multipla

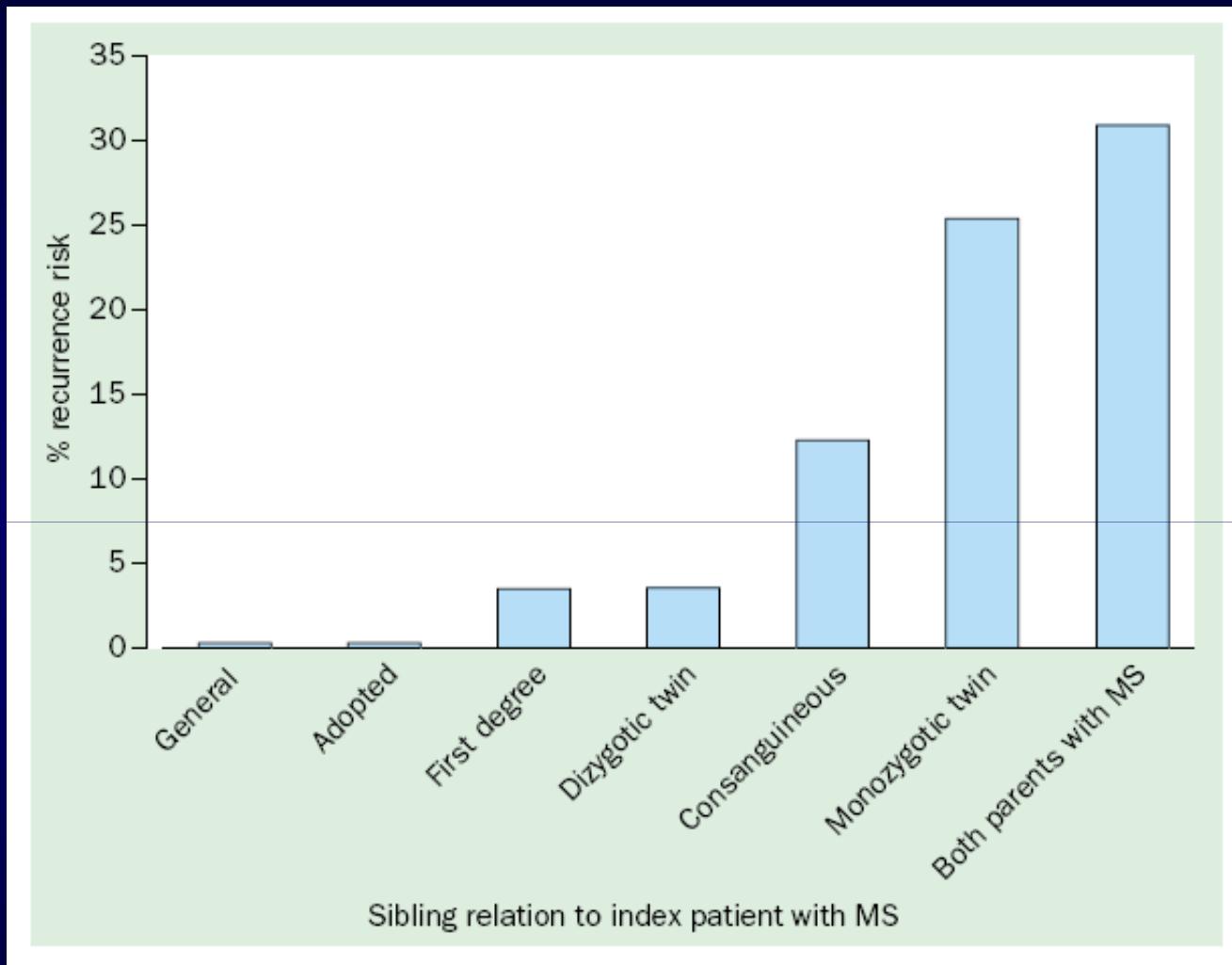
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# Fattori di rischio genetici



Il rischio di malattia nei familiari di individui con sclerosi multipla si modifica con il grado di parentela

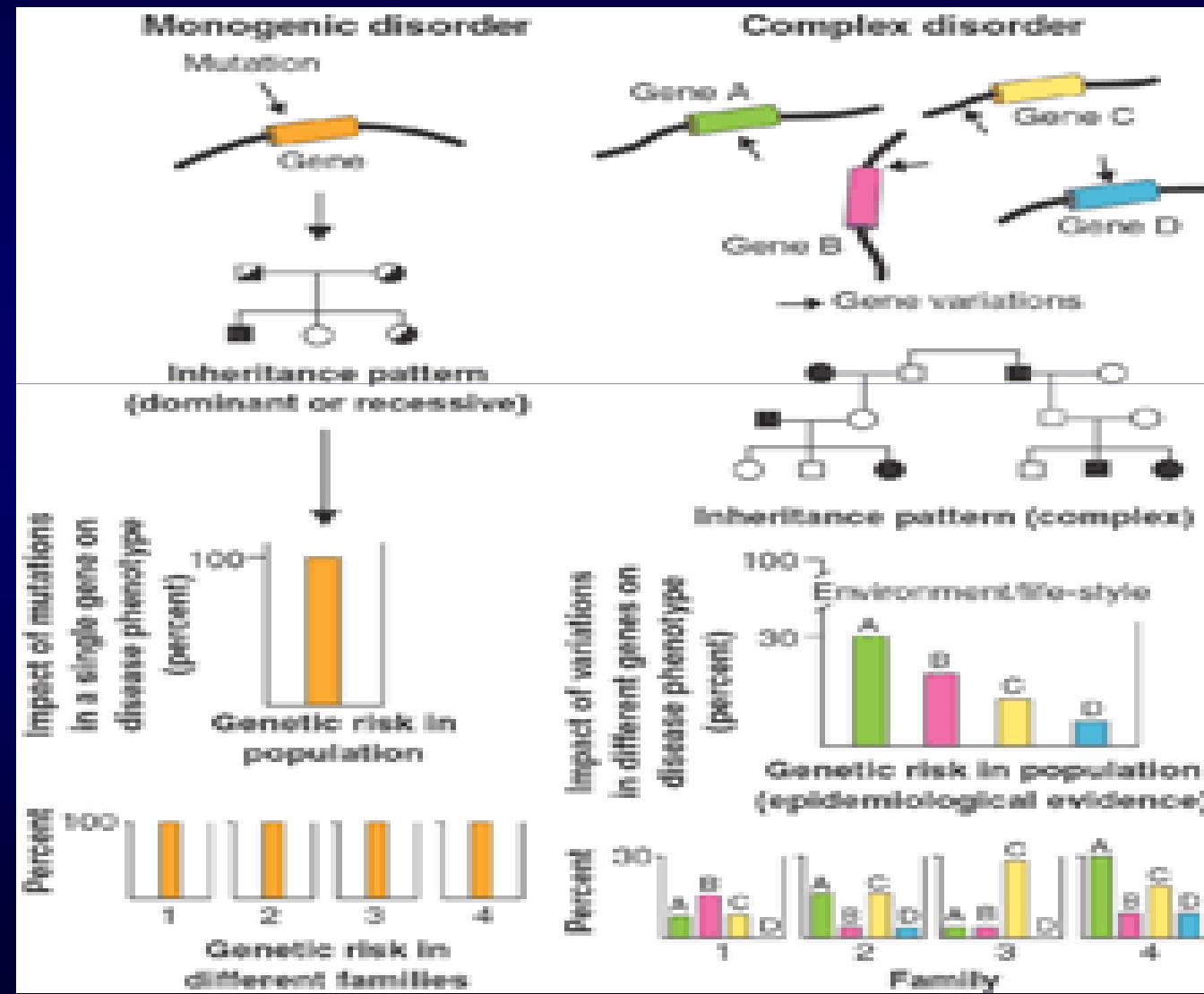
Dyment et al; The Lancet Neurology 2004

# Fattori di rischio genetici

## Rischio di malattia in fratelli di probandi affetti

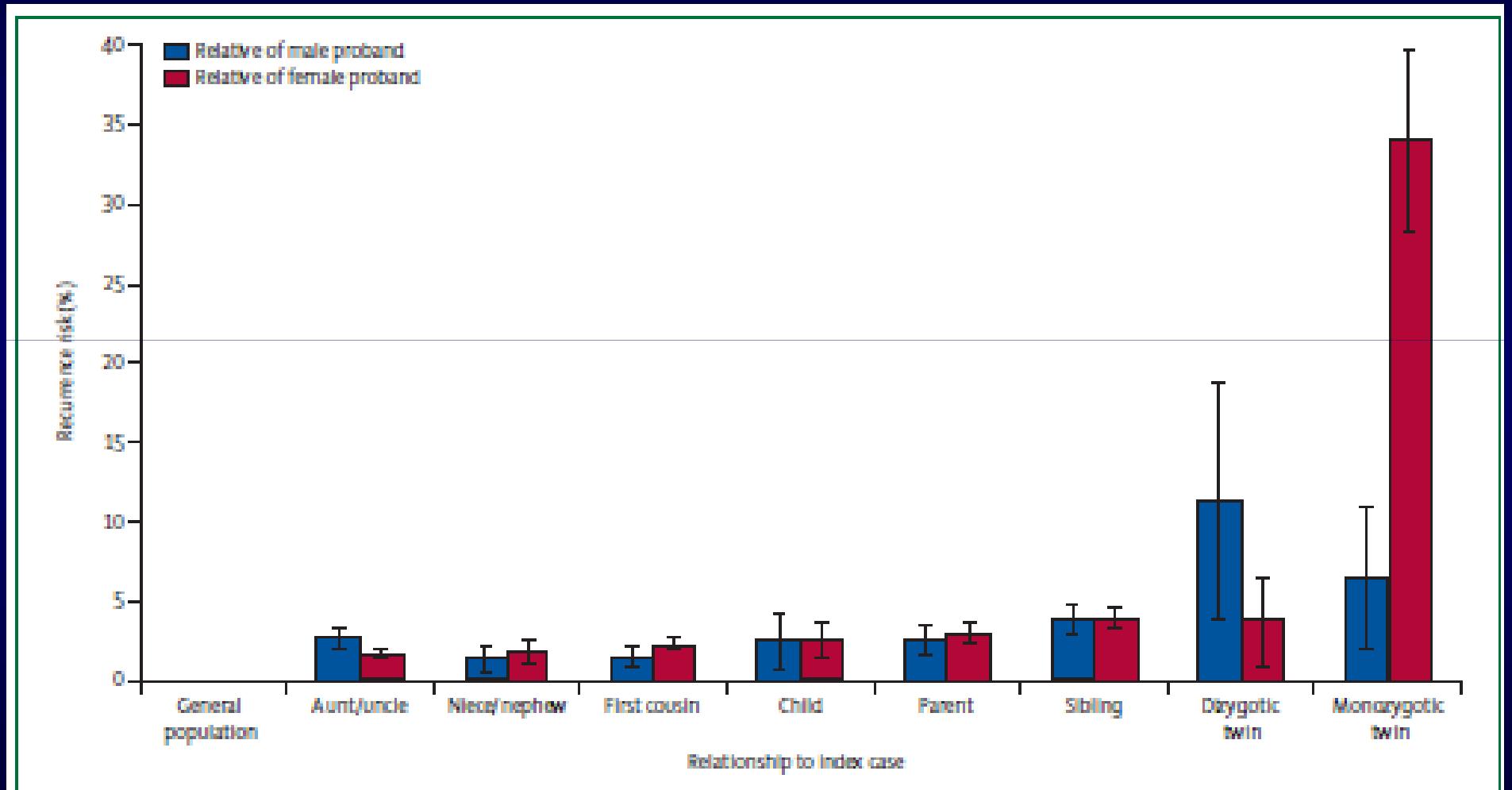
Malattia	Lambda <sub>s</sub>
Malattia di Huntington	5000
Fibrosi cistica	500
<b>Sclerosi Multipla</b>	<b>34.6</b>
Diabete tipo 1	15
Scizofrenia	10.6
Artrite reumatoide	8
Malattia di Alzheimer	4-5

# Contributo genetico nelle malattie monogenetiche ed in quelle complesse



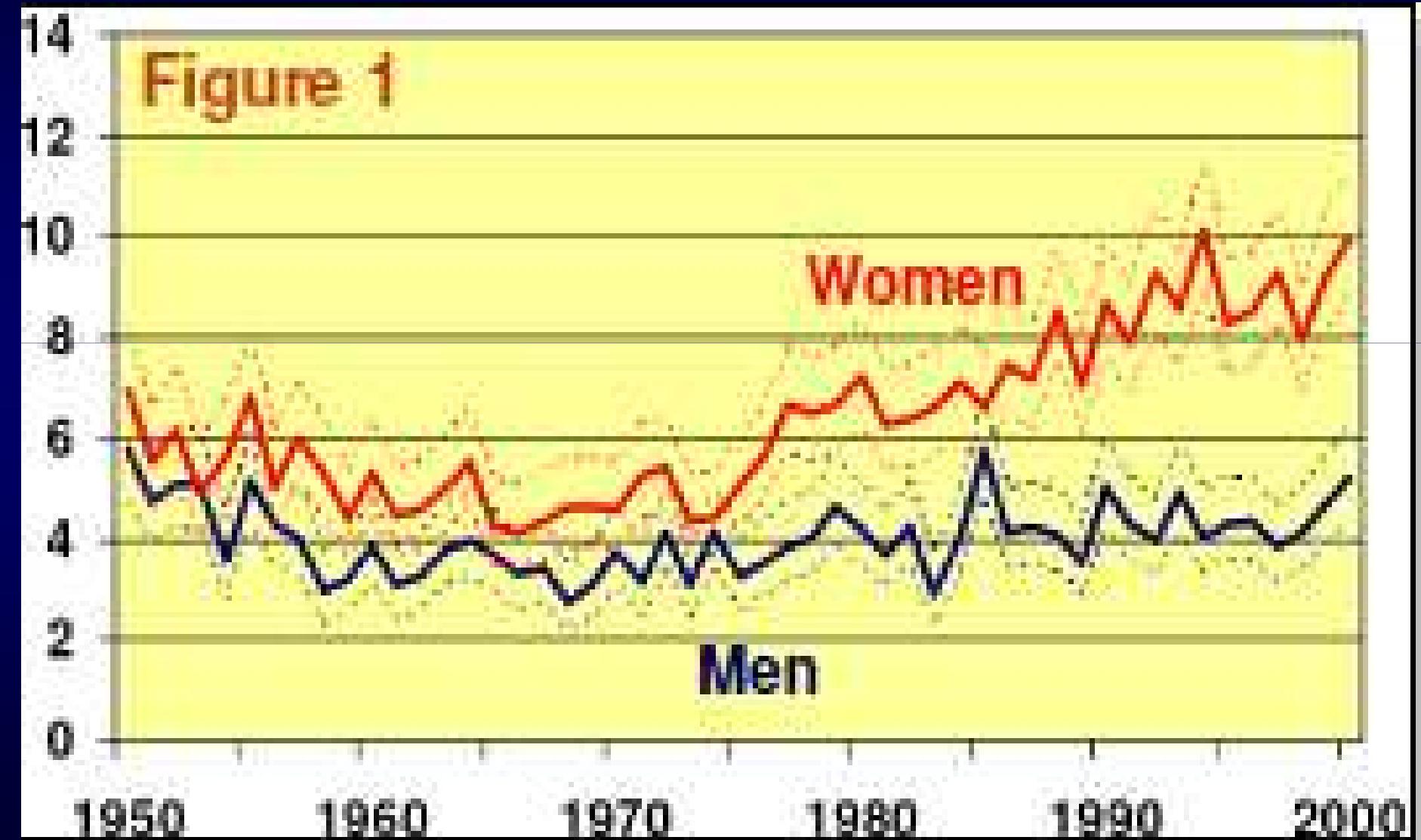
# Fattori di rischio genetici

## Stratificazione per sesso



# Frequenza di malattia nelle donne

## Incidenza di malattia stratificato x sesso ed anni



Koch-Henriksen N; Lancet Neurology 2010

# Effetto familiare di origine

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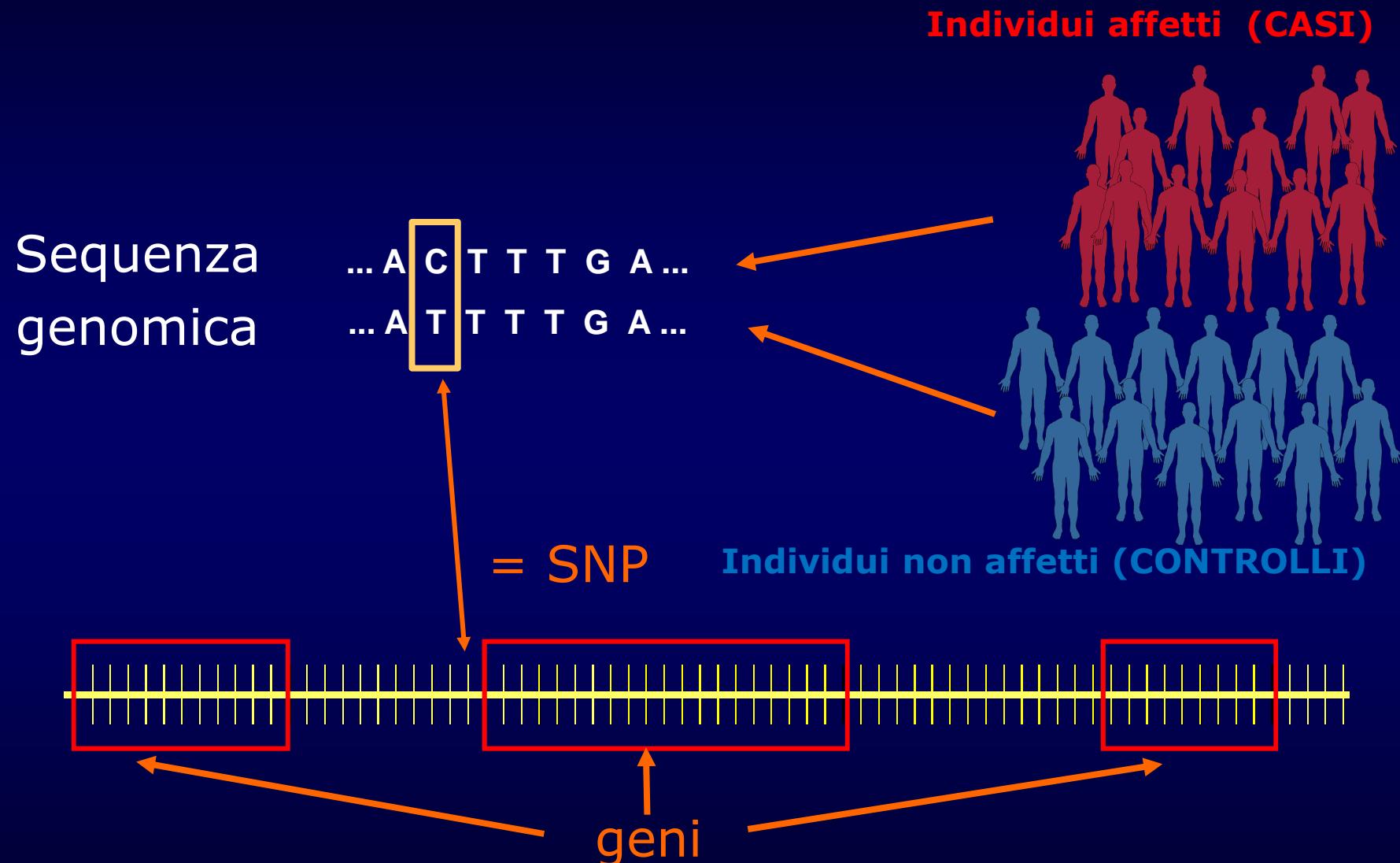
- I fratellastrti per parte materna di malati di SM hanno un rischio quasi doppio di sviluppare la SM rispetto ai fratellastrti per parte paterna (2.35% vs 1.31%,  $p=0.04$ ).
- Il rischio di malattia nei fratellastrti per parte materna non è significativamente diverso rispetto ai fratelli (2.35% vs 3.11%,  $p=0.1$ ).
- Meccanismi epigenetici?

## Etnicità

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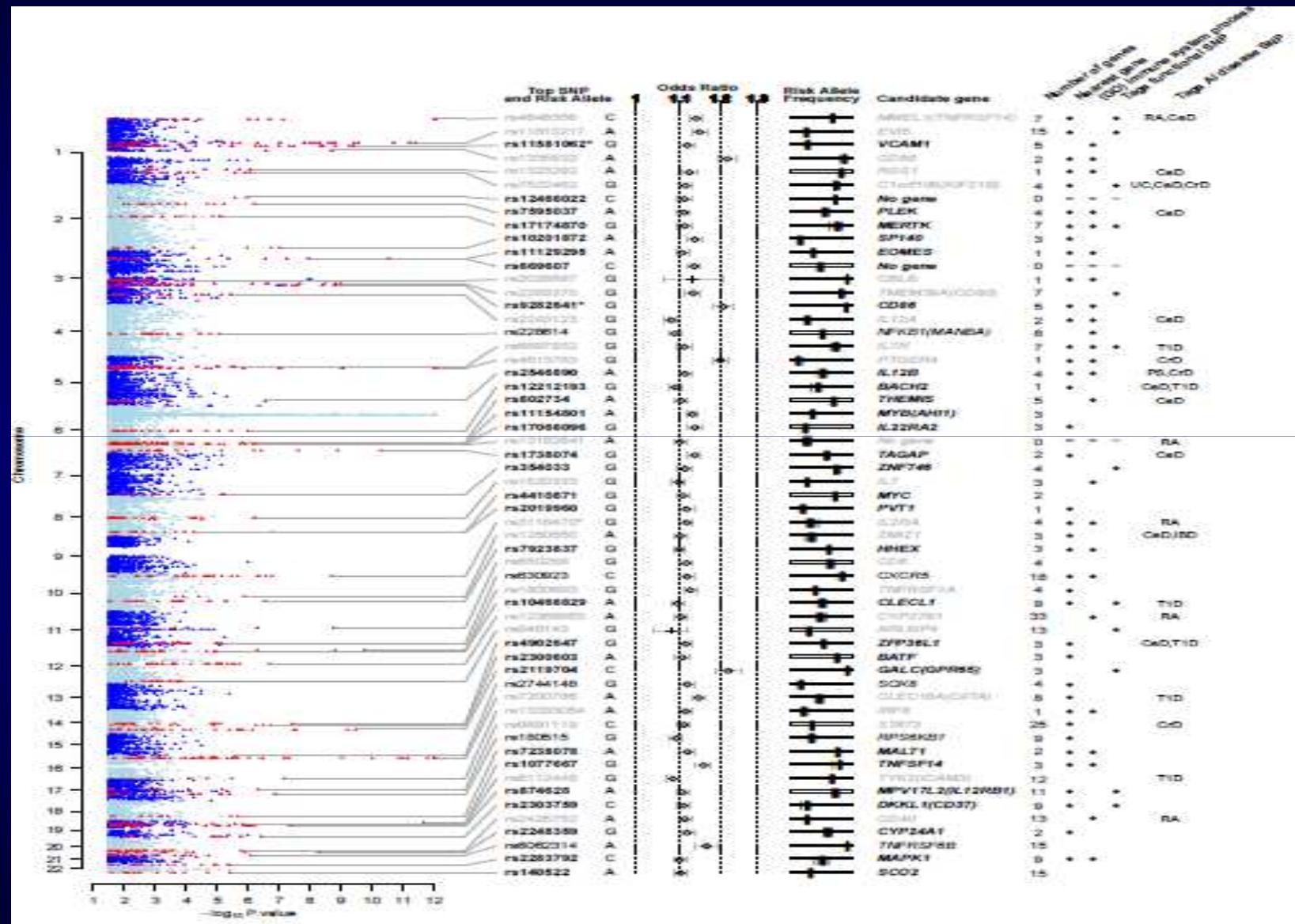
Ridotta frequenza di malattia negli Afro-American (gli afro-American hanno il 40% di rischio in meno di sviluppare la SM rispetto ai caucasici), nativi Americani, Messicani, PortoRicani e Giapponesi, e la malattia è quasi assente nei Cinesi e nei Filippini.

# Studi di associazione caso-controllo



# Loci genetici associati alla Sclerosi Multipla

23/26 loci genetici confermati  
29 nuovi loci genetici

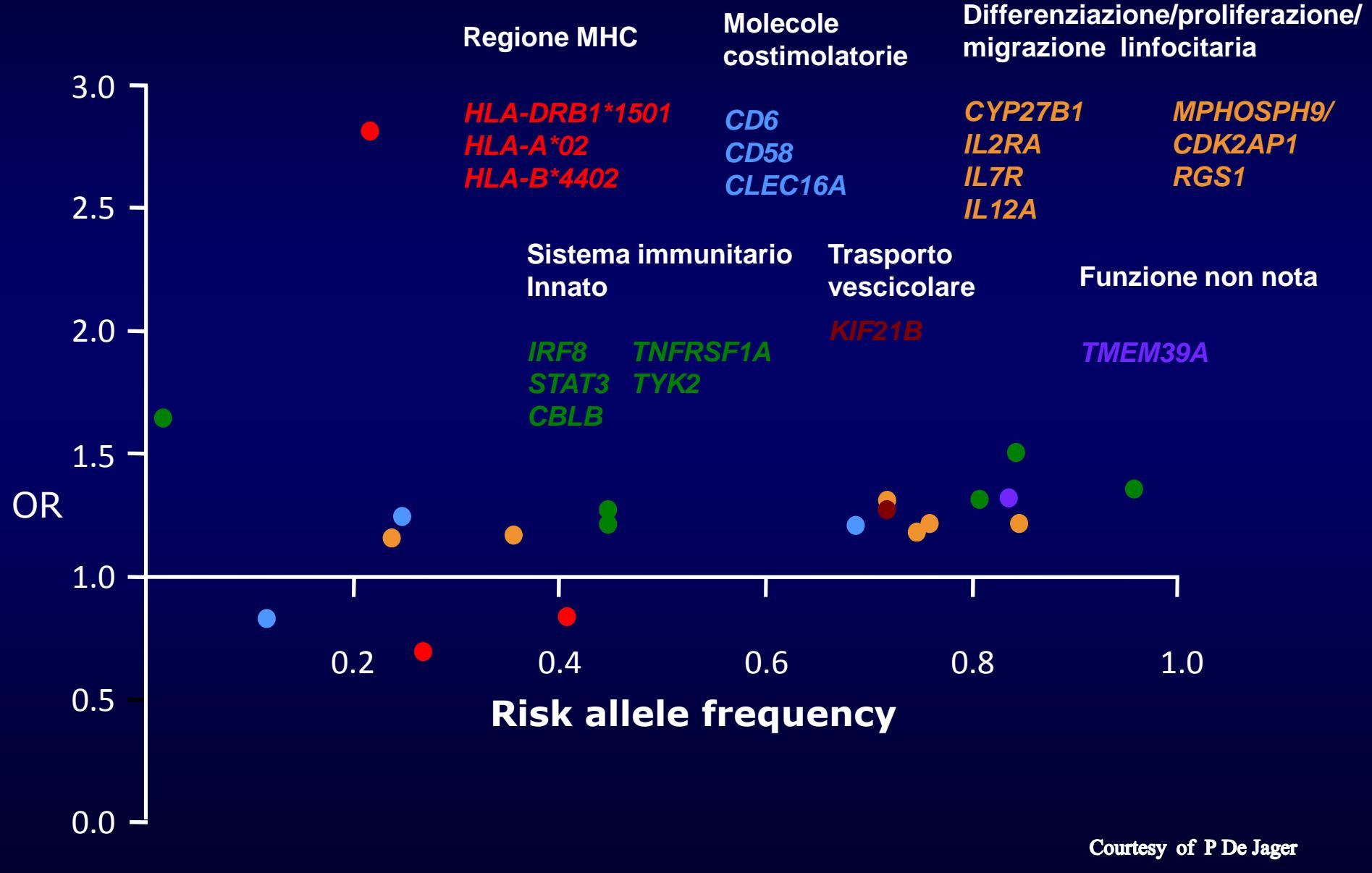


# La genetica aiuta a curare le malattie?

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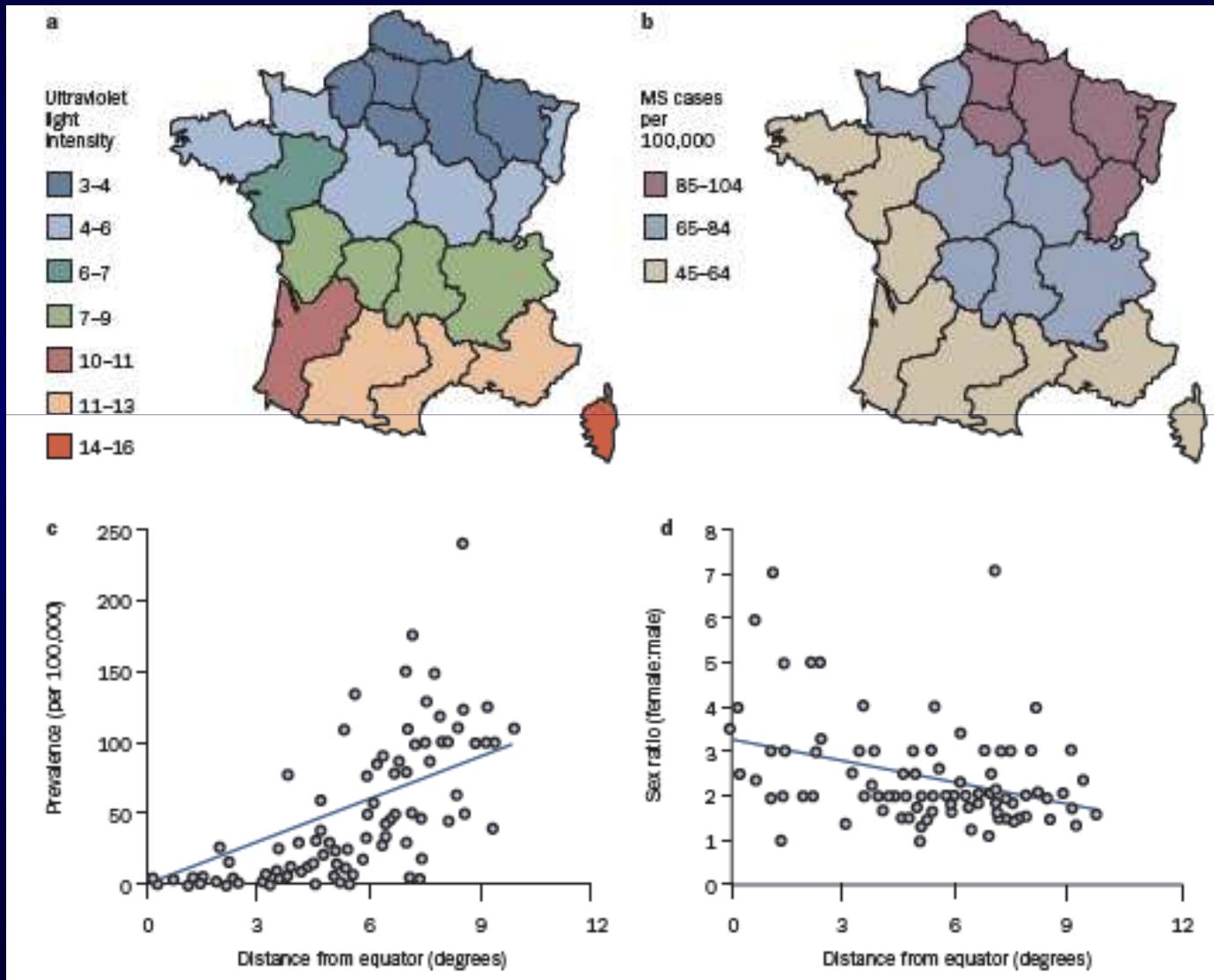
- Sviluppo di tests diagnostici e prognostici
- Migliorare la conoscenza delle cause della malattia
- Sviluppo di nuovi farmaci efficaci a curare la malattia [es. vitamina D (*CYP27B1*, *CYP24A1*), natalizumab (*VCAM1*) e daclizumab (*IL2RA*)]

# Loci genetici e funzione



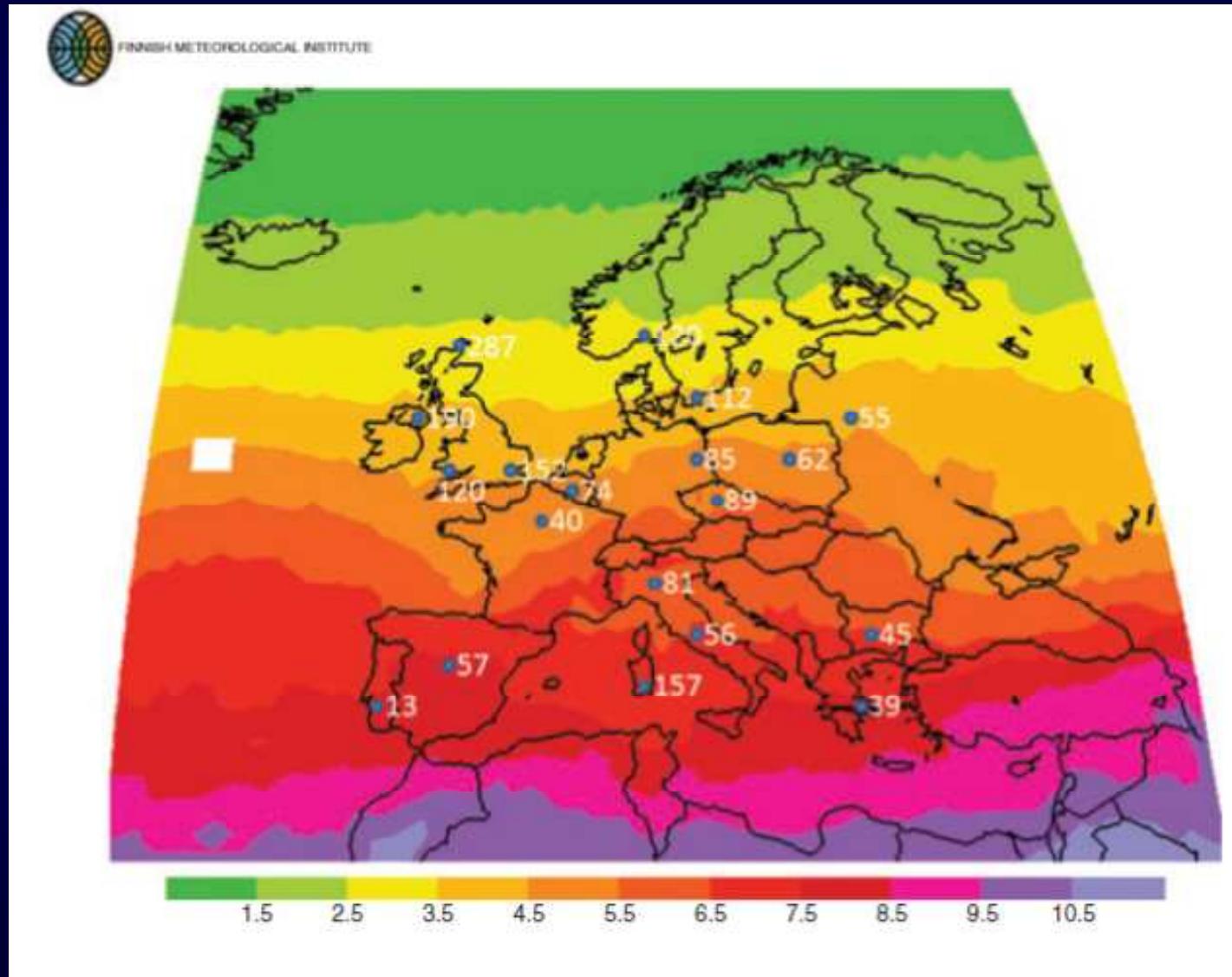
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## Esposizione ai raggi solari



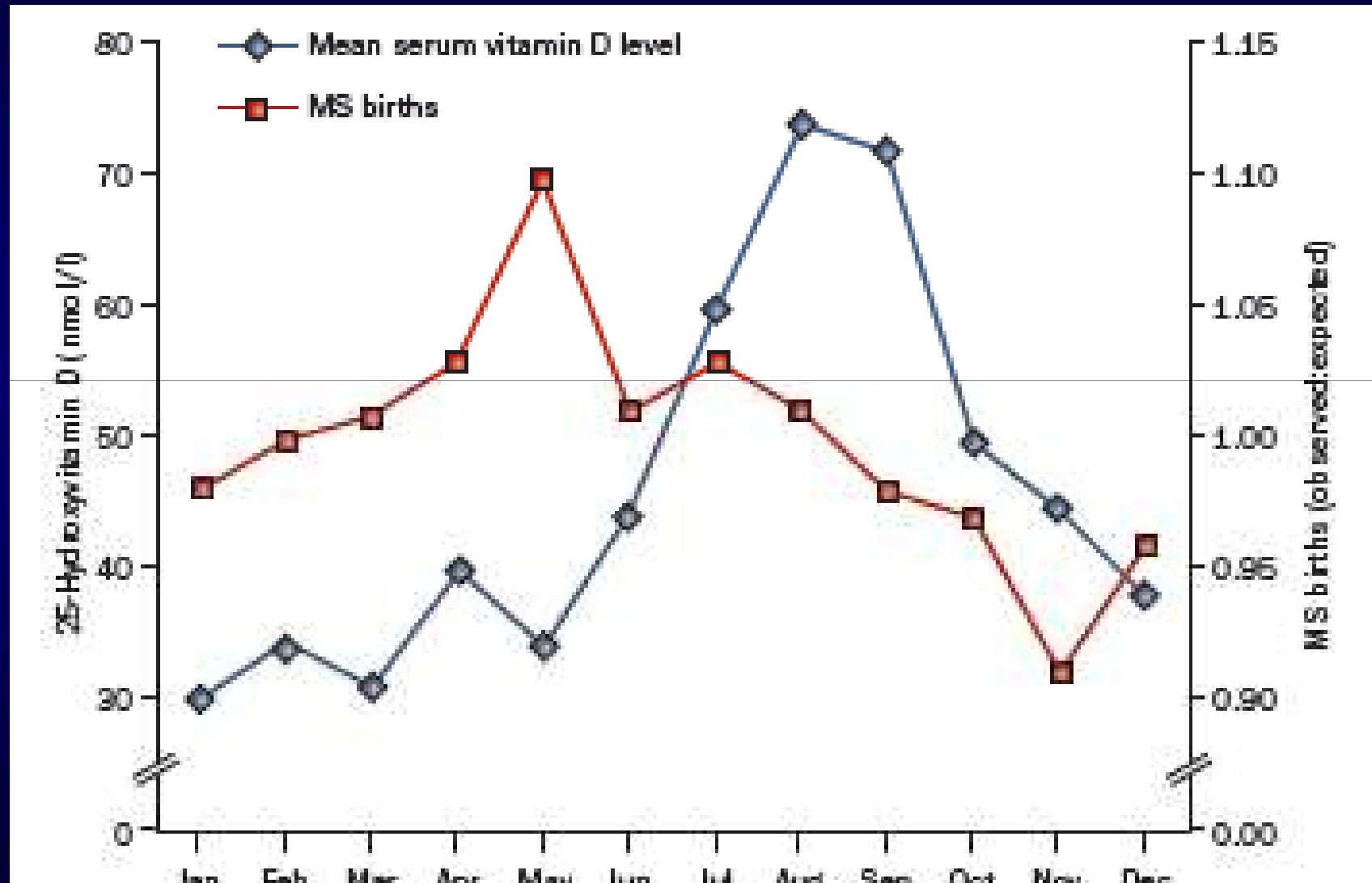
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## Esposizione ai raggi solari - rischio SM in Europa

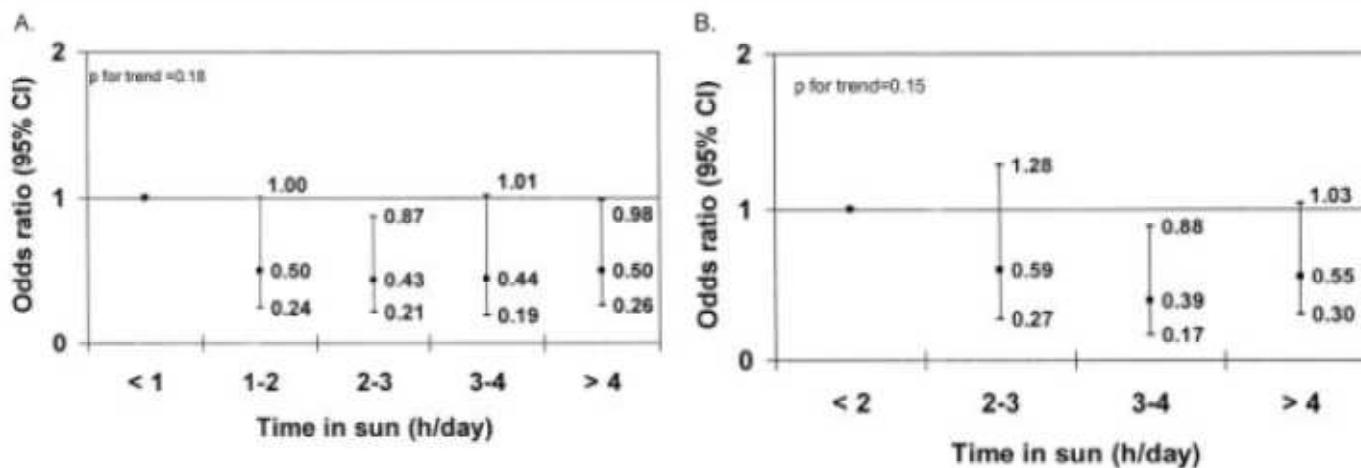
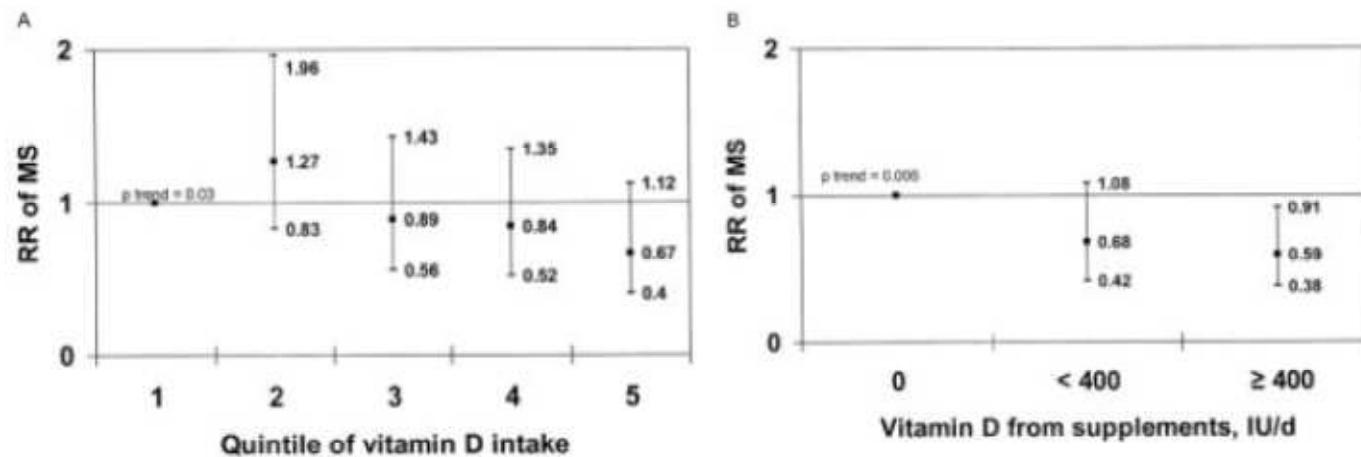


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## Livelli sierici vitamina D e rischio di SM

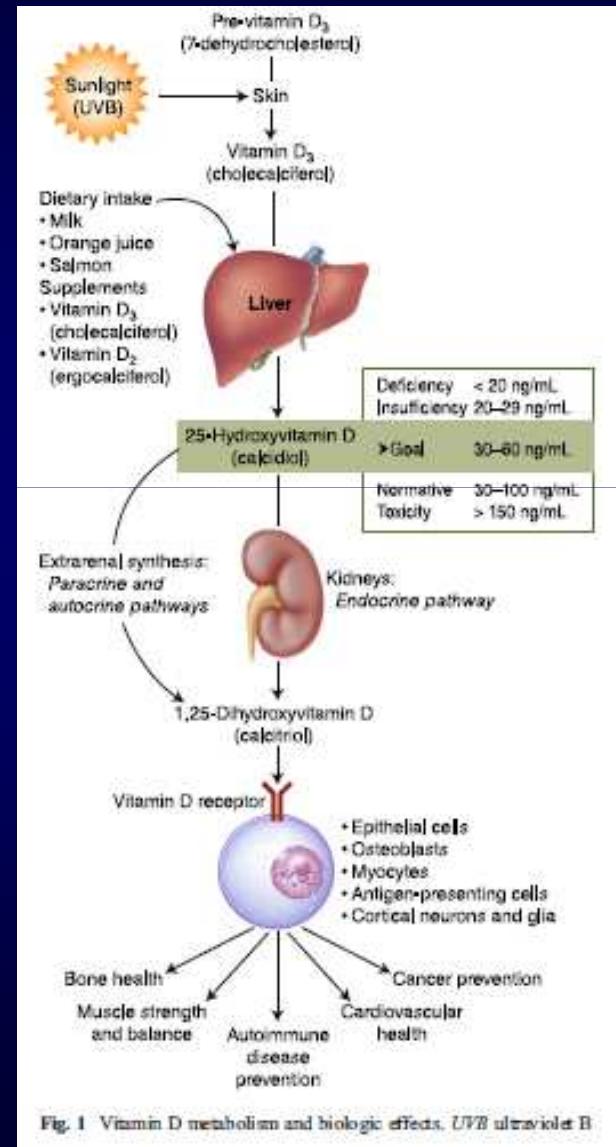


# Fattori di rischio ambientali Vitamina D, esposizione al sole e rischio di SM



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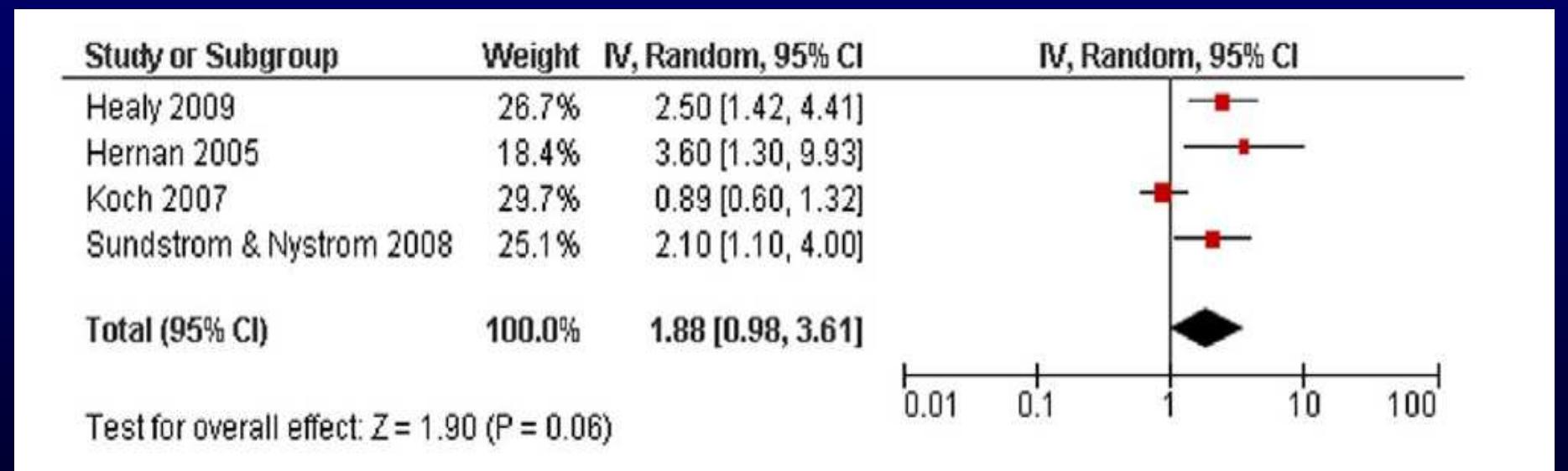
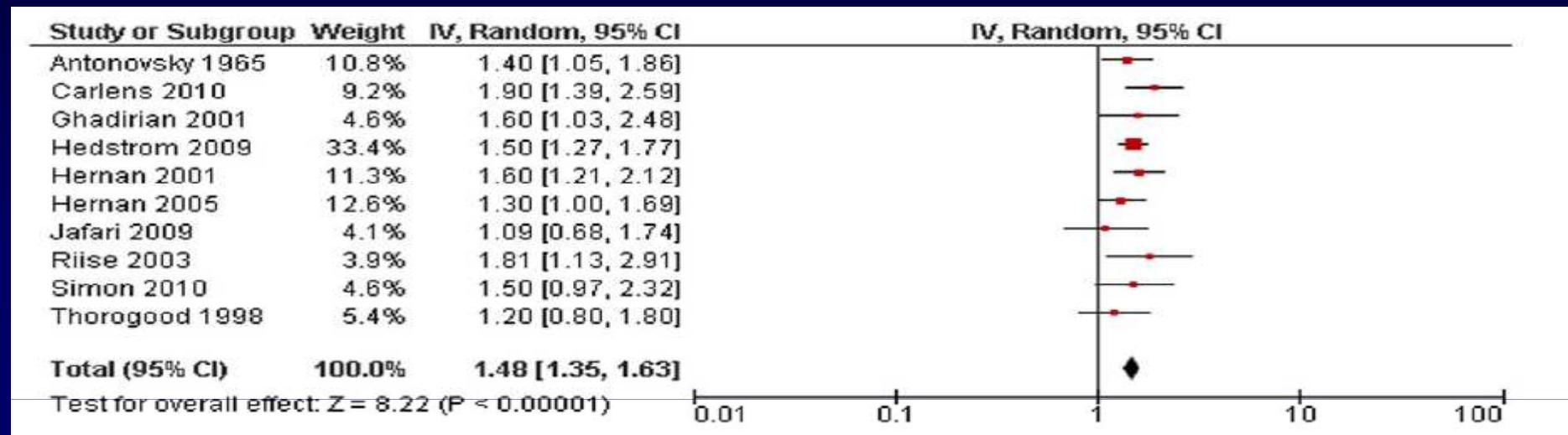
## Livelli di vitamina D ed SM



- Livelli sierici di vitamina D  $\geq 30$  ng/mL sono raccomandati, ma non è ancora chiaro il livello ottimale benefico per la SM.
  - Per individui con forme CIS o SM associati ad una carenza di vitamina D ( $< 20$  ng/mL) >> supplementazione con 50.000 IU/wk di vitamina D2 per 8 settimane e successiva rivalutazione serologica per continuare il trattamento fino a che i livelli di vitamina D sono  $> 30$  ng/mL.
  - Per individui con una lieve insufficienza (20-29 ng/mL), una supplementazione di mantenimento con vitamina D2 da 1.000 a 2000 IU/d puo' essere consigliata fino alla correzione del difetto.
- Studio su 23 RRMS randomizzati per 6 mesi a 6000 IU vitamina D2 > non efficace nel ridurre le lesioni T2 e captanti gadolinio (Stein MS et al, Neurology 2011) .**

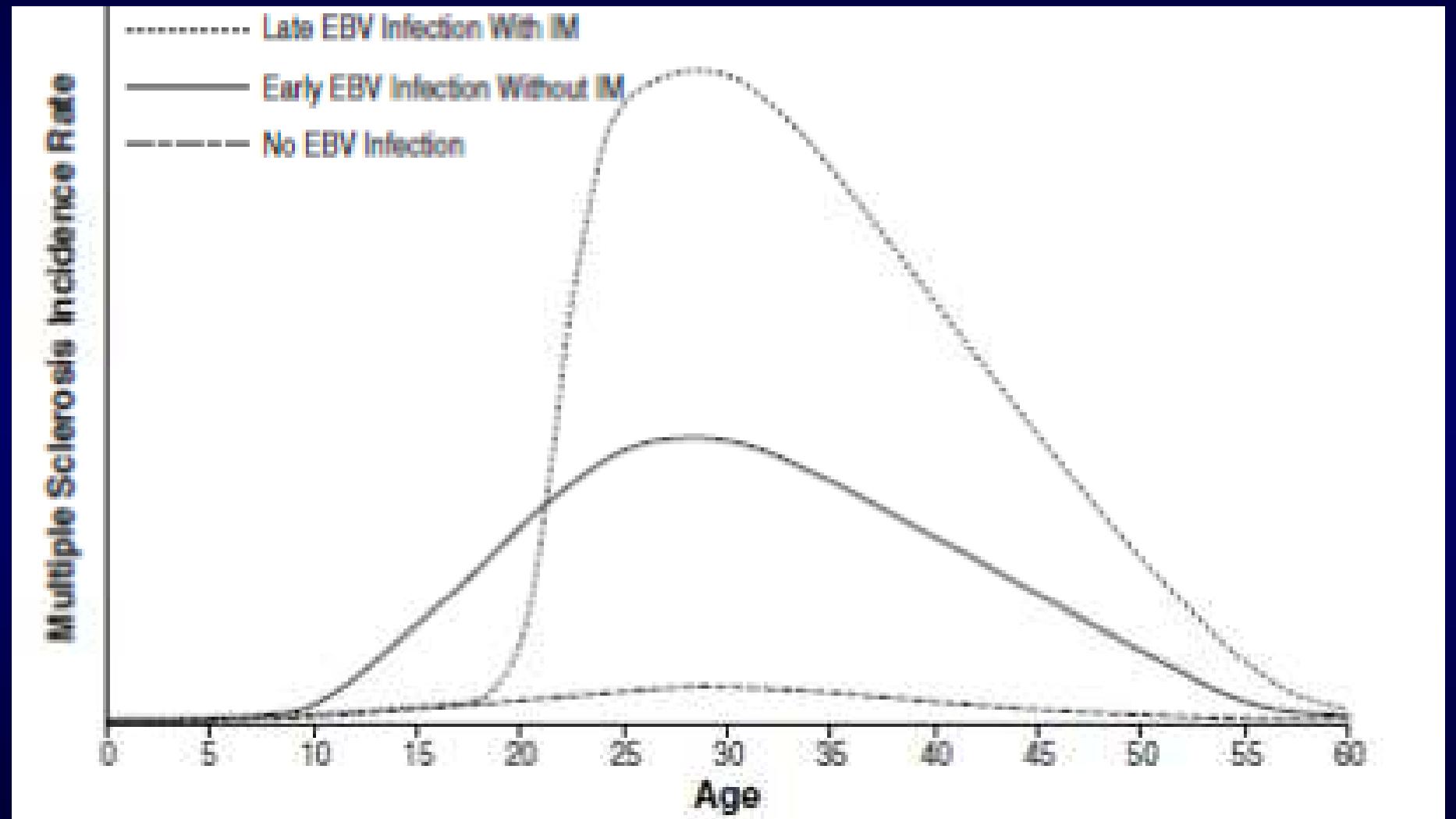
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## Fumo e rischio di SM e SPMS

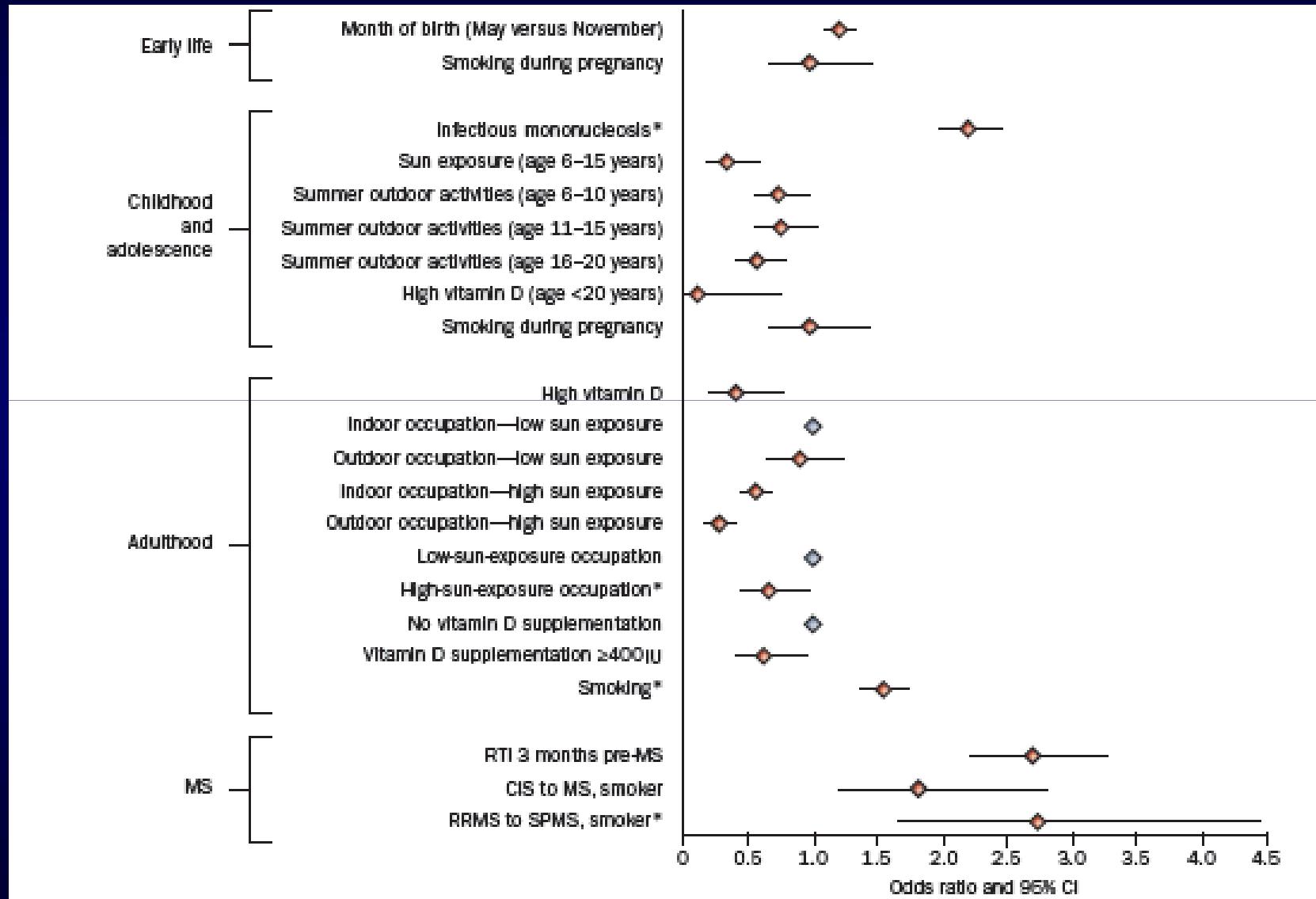


# Fattori di rischio ambientali

## Infezione da virus di Epstein-Barr



# Riassunto fattori di rischio ambientali

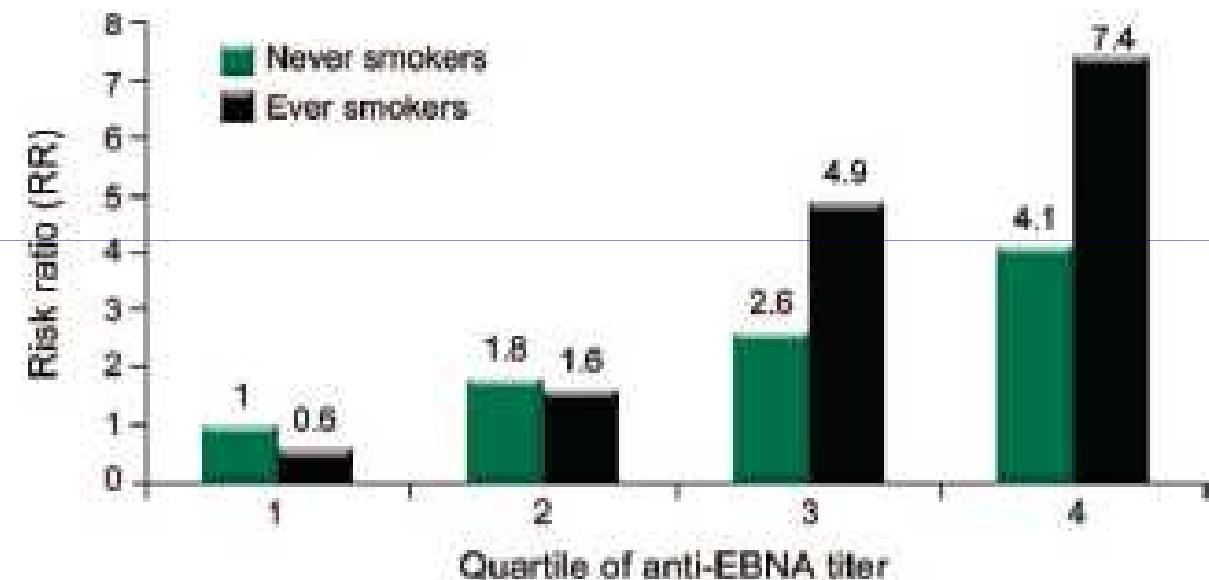


# Fattori di rischio ambientali

## Modelli di Interazione

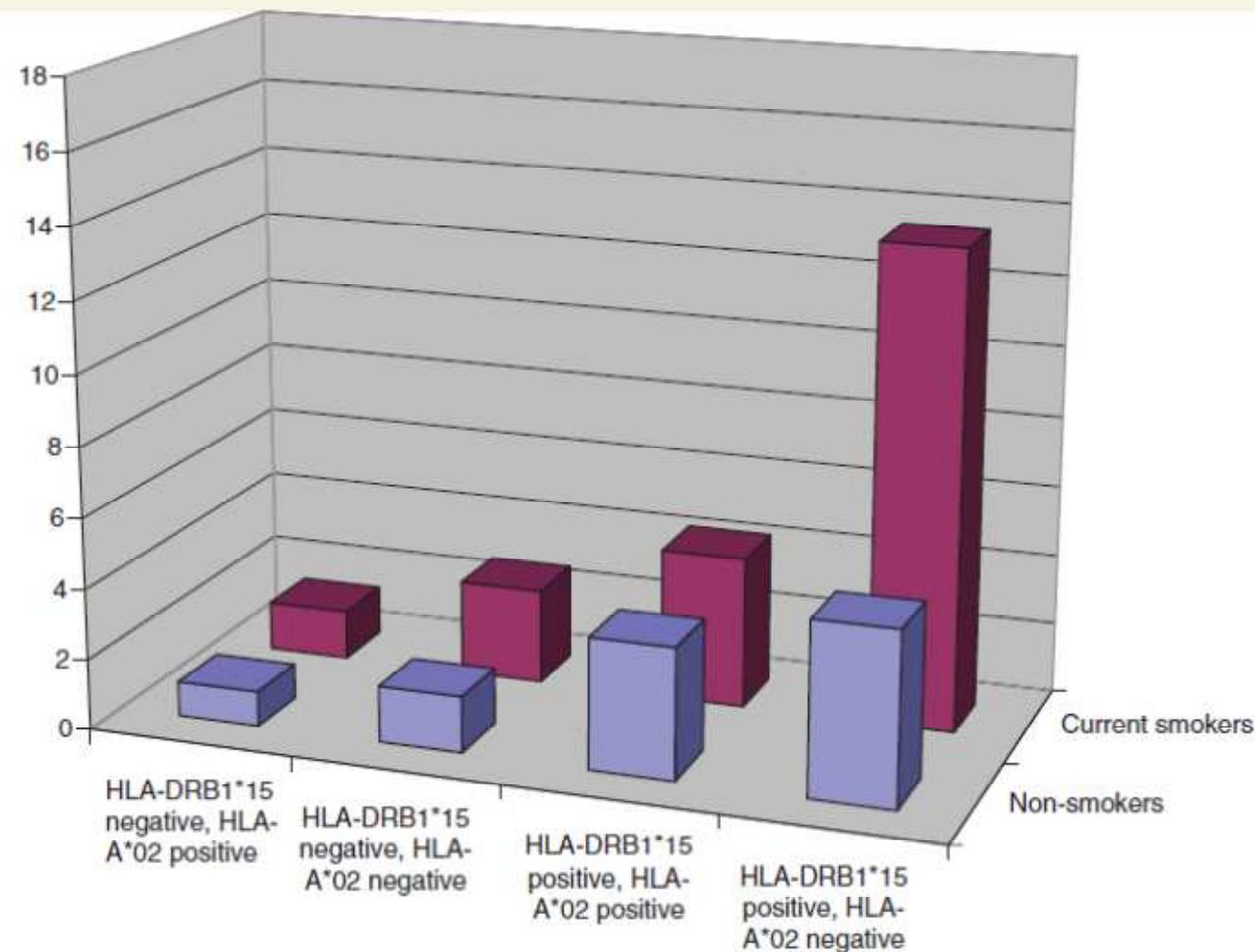
Figure

Risk of multiple sclerosis (MS) associated with increasing quartile of antibody titers to the Epstein-Barr virus nuclear antigens (anti-EBNA1) according to smoking status<sup>a</sup>



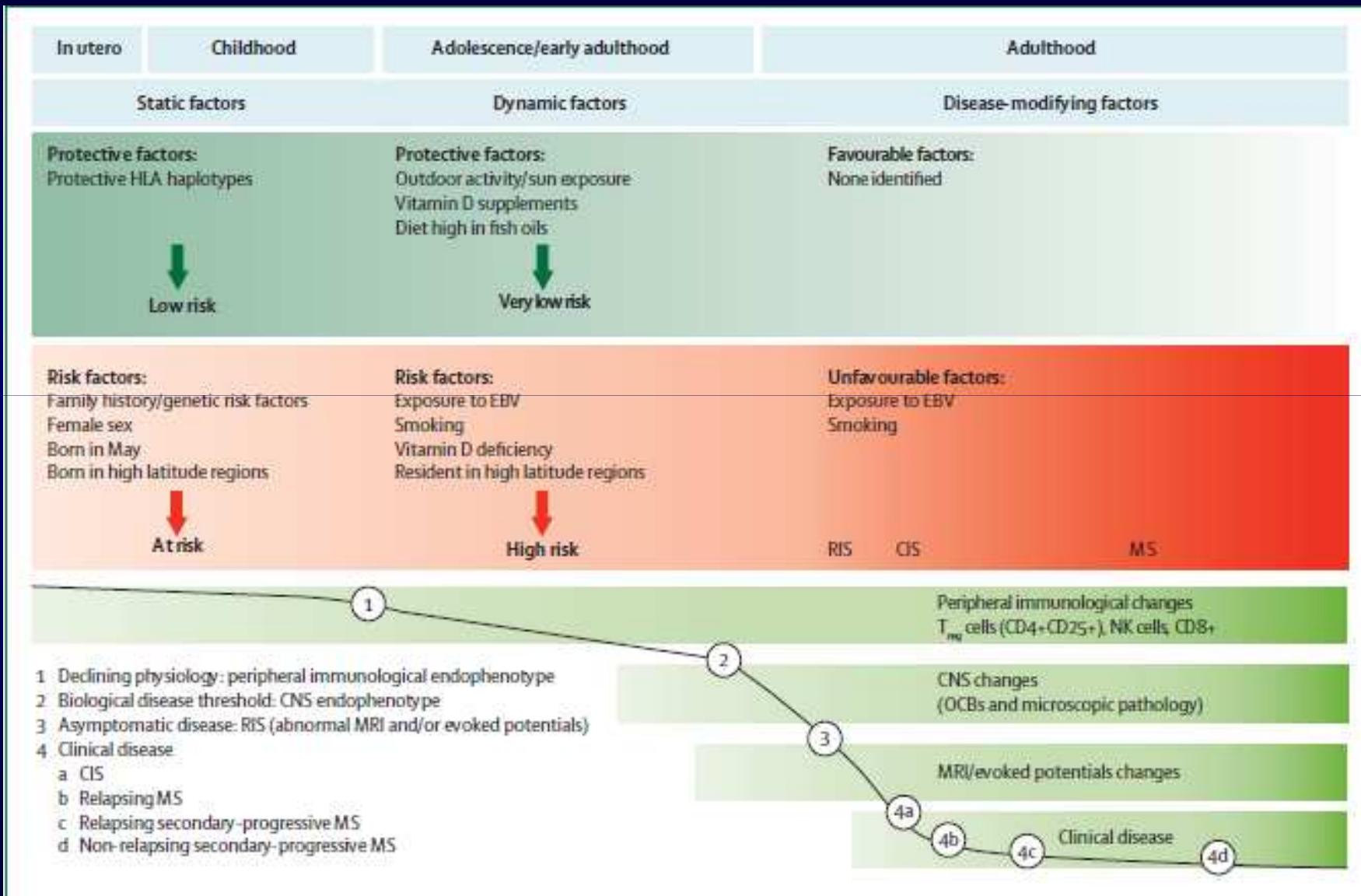
<sup>a</sup>Smoking history at time of diagnosis. In the Swedish study, smoking history at time of diagnosis was estimated from smoking at time of blood draw as described in Methods. <sup>b</sup>EBNA1 for Nurses' Health Studies and Swedish study; total EBNA for Tasmanian study. Number of cases and controls included for never smokers: Q1 = 30/126, Q2 = 48/107, Q3 = 35/68, Q4 = 46/56; and ever smokers: Q1 = 17/100, Q2 = 51/126, Q3 = 65/76, Q4 = 85/63. Numbers may not sum to total number of cases and controls due to missing values.

# Modelli di interazione fra fattori di rischio genetici ed ambientali



**Figure 1** Odds ratios for different combinations of two genetic risk factors (absence of HLA-A\*02 and carriage of HLA-DRB1\*15) compared with non-smokers carrying none of the genetic risk factors, among smokers and non-smokers. Statistics are shown in Table 6.

# Ipotesi di una pathway causale nella SM



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# Environmental risk factors

## Summary

- Sunlight exposure and vitamin D levels: immunomodulatory effects
- Epstein-Barr virus: clonal expansion of B lymphocytes in the CNS or EBV infection triggers autoimmunity via molecular mimicry
- Smoking: nitric oxide mediated demyelination, axonal loss and epigenetic effects
- Sex hormones: altered antigen reactivity, tolerance and epigenetic effects
- Stressful life events: dysregulation of the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis
- Respiratory tract infections: immunological trigger for inflammatory demyelination
- Organic solvents: BBB disruption
- Diet: vitamin D supplementation with oily fish

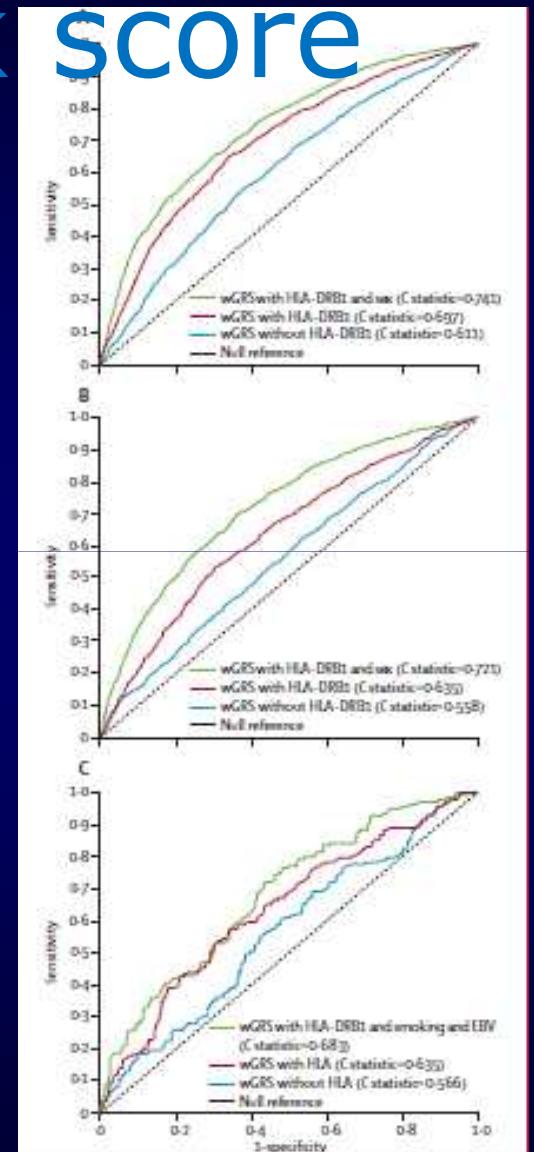
# Weighted combined genetic and non-genetic risk score

SNP	Allele	Base pair	OR	Gene	Weight	% of total weight
1*	A	116905738	1.30	CD58	0.261365	7.8%
1*	G	190797171	1.15	IGC31	0.139262	4.2%
2*	C	136692725	1.19	OLIG4	0.174353	5.2%
3	C	161181639	1.12	IL12A	0.113329	3.4%
5*	C	35910332	1.12	IL7R	0.116534	3.5%
5*	C	40460183	1.10	PTGER4	0.094311	2.8%
6*	A	29813638	1.28	HLA-B	0.248461	7.4%
6	A	32521029	2.75	HLA-DRB1	1.011601	30.3%
6*	A	137916101	1.12	OLIG3/TNFAIP3	0.116534	3.5%
10*	T	6139051	1.15	IL2RA	0.139262	4.2%
10	G	80706013	1.12	ZMZ1	0.113329	3.4%
11	G	60517188	1.18	CD6	0.165514	5.0%
12	C	6330074	1.20	TNFRSF1A	0.182320	5.5%
12	G	122222678	1.11	MIF/OSPH9	0.104360	3.1%
16*	C	11074189	1.15	CLEC16A	0.139262	4.2%
16*	G	84575164	1.25	IRF8	0.223144	6.7%

SNPs are listed by chromosome. All ORs used in the algorithm are referenced to the risk allele of each SNP, which can be the minor or major allele. \*SNPs have their major allele as the risk allele; as the OR in the initial report<sup>1</sup> is referenced to the minor allele, here we convert the original OR for these SNPs to reflect the use of the major allele as the reference allele using 1/OR of the minor allele. SNP= single nucleotide polymorphism; OR=odds ratio.

Table 3. SNPs that compose the weighted genetic risk score and weights assigned to each marker

+ HLA-DRB1 + sex  
+ smoking + EBV infection



# Summary of interaction model of risk factors

Risk factors	Study details	Findings
Islam et al <sup>14</sup> Latitude of birth, familial risk	600 monozygotic twin pairs	Concordance was 1.9 times (95% CI 1.2–3.7) greater among northern-born twins
Haghghi et al <sup>15</sup> OCBs, familial risk	Case-control study of 47 healthy siblings of patients with MS vs 50 unrelated healthy controls	9 (19%) healthy siblings of patients with MS had OCBs vs 2 (4%) controls
Soderstrom et al <sup>16</sup> HLA, OCBs, MRI	Population-based study of 167 consecutive patients with acute monosymptomatic optic neuritis	Abnormal MRI and presence of OCBs were strongly associated with MS; of 25 individuals with a normal MRI and no OCBs, none developed MS; presence of HLA-DR2 was related to MS, but did not add to the PPV of MRI and OCBs
Celli et al <sup>17</sup> HLA, sex, age	Cohort of 286 Norwegian patients with MS	HLA-DR2, DQ6 was significantly more frequent among women than men ( $p<0.025$ ), and was negatively correlated with age at diagnosis ( $p=0.0254$ )
Hemsek et al <sup>18</sup> HLA, sex	Cohort of 729 patients with MS	HLA-DRB1 was associated with younger age at diagnosis and female sex
De Jager et al <sup>19</sup> HLA, EBV	Nested case-control study of 168 women with MS and 396 age-matched healthy women	MS among HLA-DRB1*15-positive women with increased anti-EBNA1 titres ( $>1:320$ ) was 9.7-fold (95% CI 3.2–29.2) higher than that of HLA-DRB1*15-negative women with low anti-EBNA1 titres ( $<1:80$ )
Sundstrom et al <sup>20</sup> HLA, EBV	Case-control study of 109 individuals with MS and 212 age-matched and sex-matched controls	OR of developing MS in individuals with HLA-DRB1*15 and high EBNA1 titer was 16.0 (95% CI 5.1–50.0) compared with HLA-DRB1*15-negative subjects with low titres of EBNA1
Nielsen et al <sup>21</sup> HLA, EBV	Case-control study of 76 MS patients with IM, 1836 MS patients without IM, and 62 blood donors with history of IM and 484 without a history of IM	HLA-DRB1*15-positive individuals with a history of IM had a 10 times (95% CI 6.0–17.9) greater risk of MS than HLA-DRB1*15-negative individuals without a history of IM
De Jager et al <sup>19</sup> HLA, non-HLA genes, EBV, smoking, sex	Case-control validation populations: 1340 patients with either MS or CIS matched to 1109 controls; 163 patients with MS and 281 controls from the Nurses' Health Study	A weighted genetic risk score produced for 16 susceptibility loci including HLA-DRB1*15 gave modest prediction of MS, which was slightly enhanced by addition of sex, EBV, and smoking
Kelly et al <sup>22</sup> HLA, MRI	Cohort of 70 patients with CIS	MS developed in 86% of MRI-positive, HLA-DRB1*15-positive patients vs 55% of MRI-positive, HLA-DRB1*15-positive patients ( $p=0.025$ )
Haesler et al <sup>23</sup> HLA, MRI	Cohort of 178 patients with optic neuritis	HLA-D62 was present in 85 (48%) patients, and was associated with increased odds of probable or definite MS at 5 years (OR 1.92 [95% CI 1.01–3.67], $p=0.04$ ); the association was most apparent among patients with signal abnormalities on baseline brain MRI

CIS=clinically isolated syndrome; EBV=Epstein-Barr virus; EBNA1=EBV nuclear antigen 1; IM=infectious mononucleosis; MS=multiple sclerosis; OCBs=oligoclonal bands; OR=odds ratio; PPV=positive predictive value.

# Summary of genetic and non genetic risk factors for MS

	Study	OR (95% CI)
<b>Family history</b>		
Non-twins in first-degree relative affected <sup>a</sup>	19 615 first-degree relatives of 8205 Danish patients with MS	7.1 (5.8-8.8)
<b>Ethnic origin</b>		
White male compared with black male <sup>b</sup>	US cohort study of 4 951 patients with MS and 9 378 controls	1.49 (1.09-2.27)
<b>HLA haplotype</b>		
HLA-DRB1*15 homozygote <sup>c</sup>	Canadian cohort study of 2454 patients with MS and 4639 unaffected first-degree relatives	5.42 (4.22-7.16)
HLA-DRB1*15 heterozygote <sup>c</sup>	Canadian cohort study of 2454 patients with MS and 4639 unaffected first-degree relatives	2.91 (2.42-3.51)
HLA-DRB1*15/HLA-DRB1*14 heterozygote <sup>c</sup>	Canadian cohort study of 2454 patients with MS and 4639 unaffected first-degree relatives	1.06 (0.56-2.03)
<b>Immune marker genes</b>		
Interleukin 2 receptor $\alpha$ (IL2RA) <sup>d</sup>	Case-control study of 4839 patients with MS and 9336 controls	1.15 (1.04-1.27)
Interleukin 7 receptor $\alpha$ (IL7RA) <sup>d</sup>	Case-control study of 4839 patients with MS and 9336 controls	1.13 (1.02-1.23)
C-type lectin domain family 16 A (CLEC16A) <sup>d</sup>	Case-control study of 4839 patients with MS and 9336 controls	1.15 (1.04-1.25)
CD58 (CD58) <sup>d</sup>	Case-control study of 4839 patients with MS and 9336 controls	1.30 (1.14-1.47)
Tumour necrosis factor receptor superfamily member 1A (TNFRSF1A) <sup>d</sup>	Case-control study of 4839 patients with MS and 9336 controls	1.29 (1.10-1.31)
Interferon regulatory factor 8 (IRF8) <sup>d</sup>	Case-control study of 4839 patients with MS and 9336 controls	1.25 (1.12-1.39)
CD6 (CD6) <sup>d</sup>	Case-control study of 4839 patients with MS and 9336 controls	1.18 (1.07-1.30)
<b>Place of birth</b>		
Migration before vs after age 15 years <sup>e</sup>	Cohort study of 76 immigrant patients in the UK	2.07 (1.13-3.77)
<b>Age</b>		
Incidence at age 30 years vs age 55 years <sup>f</sup>	Cohort study of 1099 Canadian patients	4.5 (1.52-13.3)
<b>Clinically isolated syndrome</b>		
Abnormal MRI vs normal <sup>g</sup>	UK cohort study of 107 CIS patients	3.99 (1.65-9.65)
Presence of oligodonal bands, independent of MRI <sup>g</sup>	Spanish cohort study of 415 CIS patients	1.7 (1.1-2.7)
<b>Sex</b>		
Female <sup>h</sup>	Population-based study of 27 074 Canadian patients with MS	6.62 (6.21-7.13)
<b>EBV infection</b>		
Infectious mononucleosis <sup>i</sup>	Meta-analysis of 11 case-control and 3 cohort studies totalling 1667 patients with MS and 3606 controls	2.30 (1.70-3.01)
Anti-EBNA1 antibody geometric mean titre >320 vs <80 <sup>i</sup>	Nested US case-control study of 148 women with MS and 296 healthy female controls	3.66 (1.32-2.08)
<b>Smoking</b>		
Ever vs never <sup>j</sup>	Meta-analysis of case-control studies totalling 1155 patients with MS and 512 182 controls	1.51 (1.22-1.87)
<b>Month of birth</b>		
May <sup>k</sup>	17 874 Canadian, 11 502 British, 6276 Danish, and 6393 Swedish patients with MS compared with population controls	1.10 (0.07-1.13)
<b>Vitamin D</b>		
Serum 25-hydroxy cholesterol increased in the lower quintile (<63.3 nmol/L) vs the upper quintile (>99.1 nmol/L) <sup>l</sup>	Nested US case-control study of 148 white patients with MS and 296 matched healthy white controls	3.69 (2.03-2.78)

# Fenomeno della “missing heritability” Contribution of genetic variants in complex disease



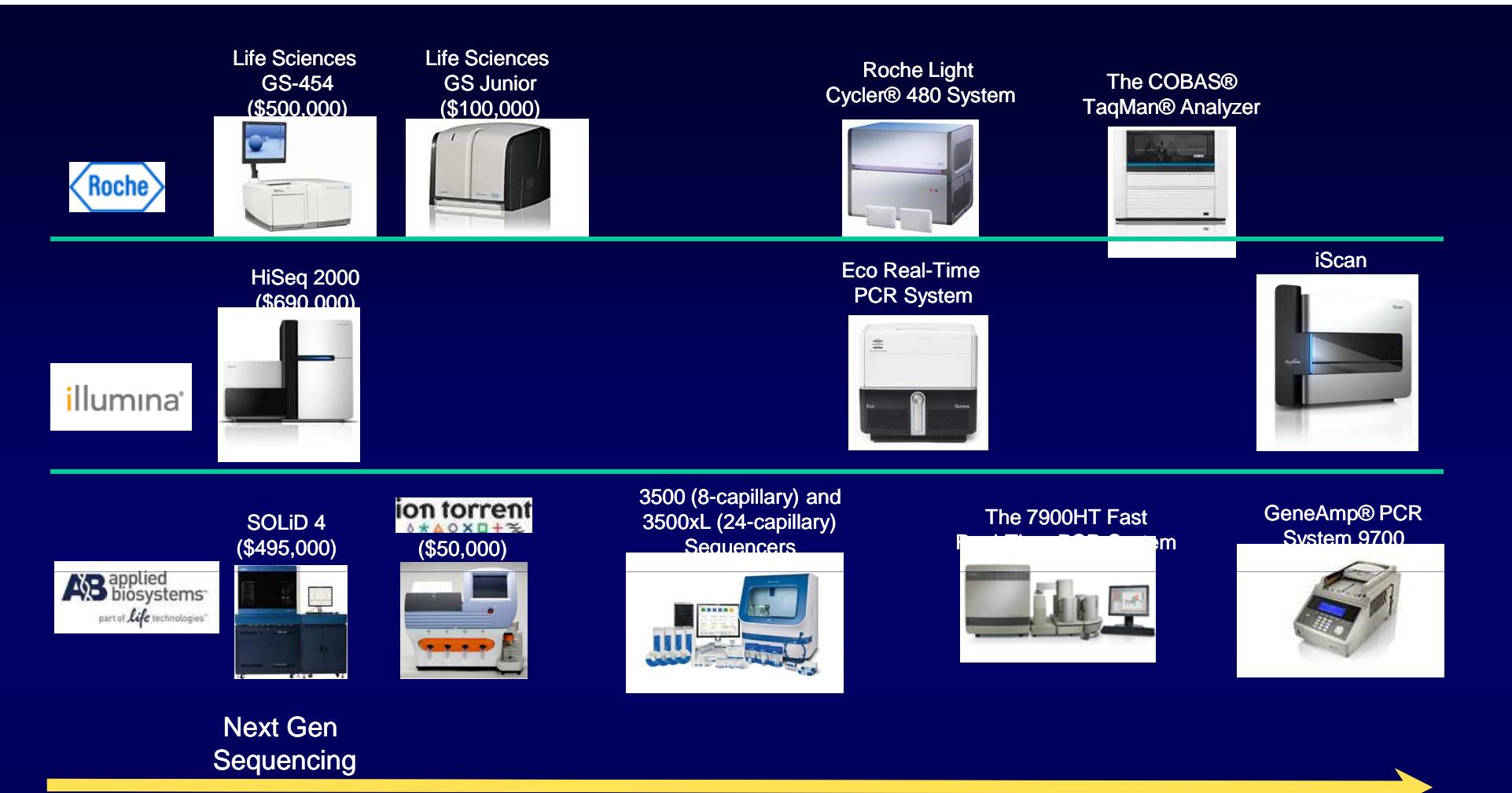
**Table 1 | Estimates of heritability and number of loci for several complex traits**

Disease	Number of loci	Proportion of heritability explained
Age-related macular degeneration <sup>72</sup>	5	50%
Crohn's disease <sup>21</sup>	32	20%
Systemic lupus erythematosus <sup>73</sup>	6	15%
Type 2 diabetes <sup>74</sup>	18	6%
HDL cholesterol <sup>75</sup>	7	5.2%
Height <sup>15</sup>	40	5%
Early onset myocardial infarction <sup>76</sup>	9	2.8%
Fasting glucose <sup>77</sup>	4	1.5%

Multiple Sclerosis (HLA+ GWAS loci): about 20%

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## Sequencing

### Next-Generation Sequencing

- High data volume per run (giga to megabases)
- Long run time (days to week)
- Low sample throughput
- High instrument and reagent cost (reagent cost ~3000-5000 per human genome)

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