

Single-gene disorders of immunity

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Aims

- To introduce the concept of human genetics of infectious diseases
- To introduce the concept of primary immunodeficiency
- To explain how single gene variants are important contributors to life threatening childhood infections
- To understand pathogenesis in immunological and genetic terms

Environment

Non microbial
Factors

Microbial
factors

Exposure to
Microbe

Innate
Immunity

Adaptive
Immunity

Infection
Outcome

Epigenetic
Factors

Genetic
Factors

Host

Historical Advances

Microbial theory of infectious disease

Pasteur (1865-1870)

Microbes cause disease in silkworms

Koch (1884) Koch's postulates

1. The microorganism must be found in all suffering from the disease, but not in healthy.
2. The microorganism must be isolated from a diseased organism and grown in pure culture.
3. The cultured microorganism should cause disease when introduced into a healthy organism.
4. The microorganism must be re-isolated from the inoculated, diseased experimental host.

Genetic theory of infectious disease

Nicolle (1911-1917) Clinical variability of infected population

Described coexistence of symptomatic and asymptomatic infections in human populations

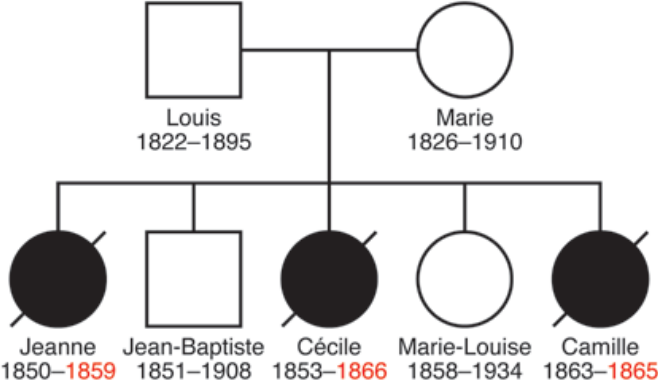
Bruton (1950s) X linked agammaglobulinemia

XLA, lack of mature B cells

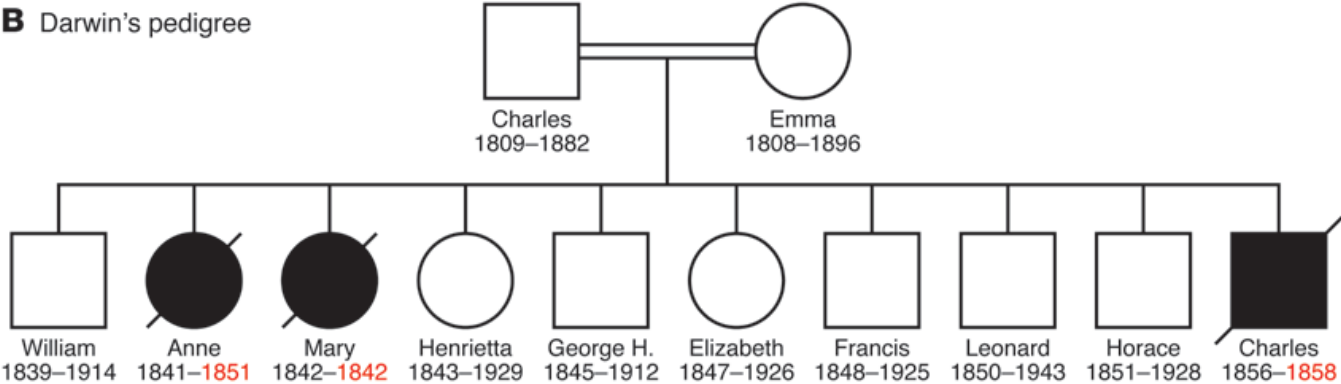
Allison (1950s) Protective role of sickle cell trait in malaria

Genetic theory of infectious disease

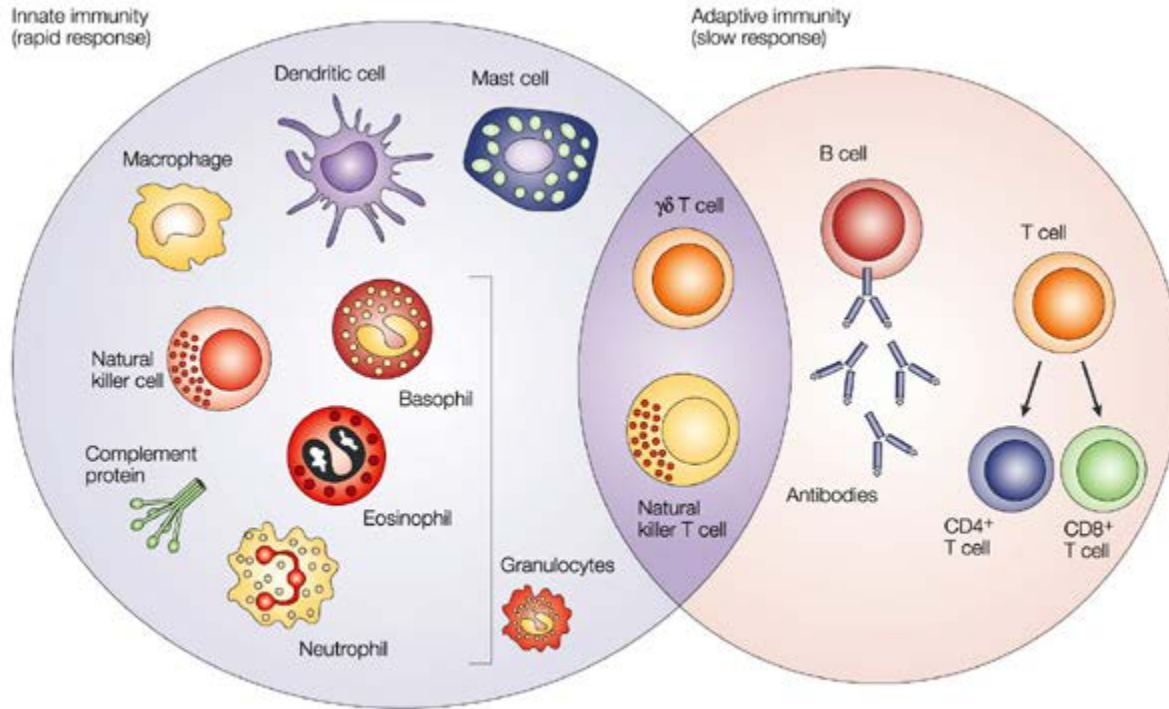
A Pasteur's pedigree



B Darwin's pedigree



Immune response



Immunodeficiencies

Primary Immunodeficiency

Inherited or genetic disorders that affect the immune system

a number of rare diseases (that) feature a heightened susceptibility to infections from childhood onward

e.g. severe congenital neutropenia (*ELANE, HAX1, WAS*)

X-linked agammaglobulinemia (*XLA*)

severe combined immunodeficiency (*ADA, RAG1, RAG2*)

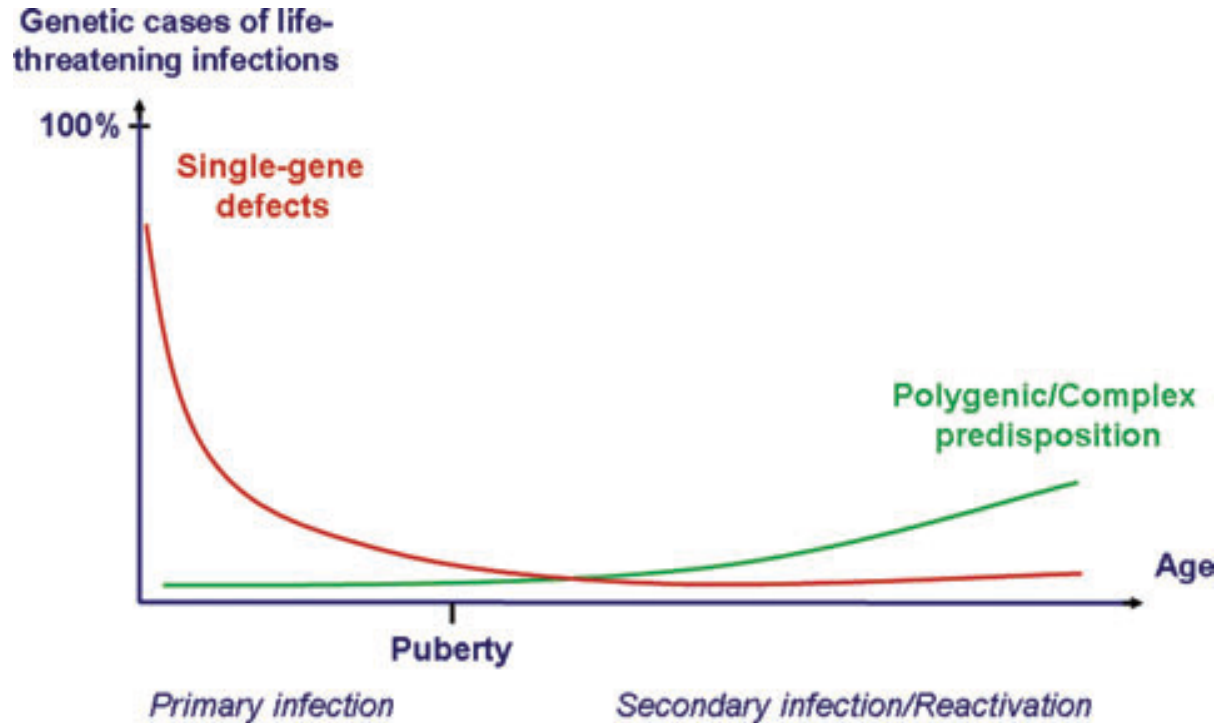
Secondary/Acquired Immunodeficiency

Compromised immune system due to environmental factors

e.g. HIV, burns, medication

The human model

a genetic dissection of immunity to infection in nature



Predisposition to infectious diseases segregates in either a Mendelian or polygenic pattern of inheritance.

Single gene inborn errors of immunity

Classic PIDs:

One gene, multiple infections

Severe congenital neutropenia

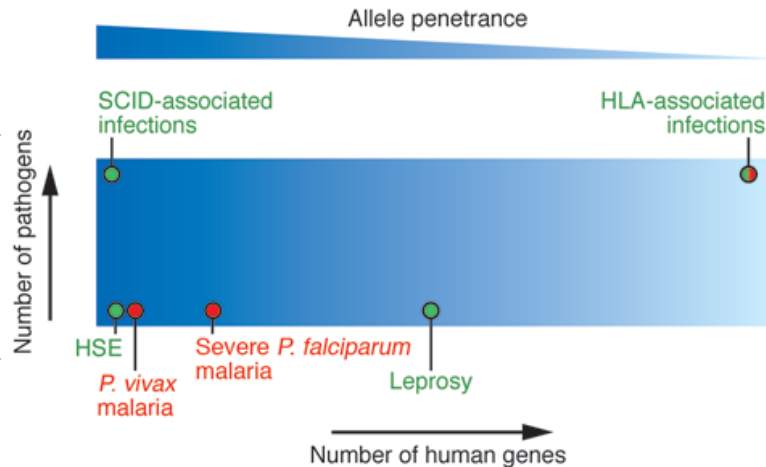
XLA

SCID



Non-Classic PIDs:

One gene, single infection

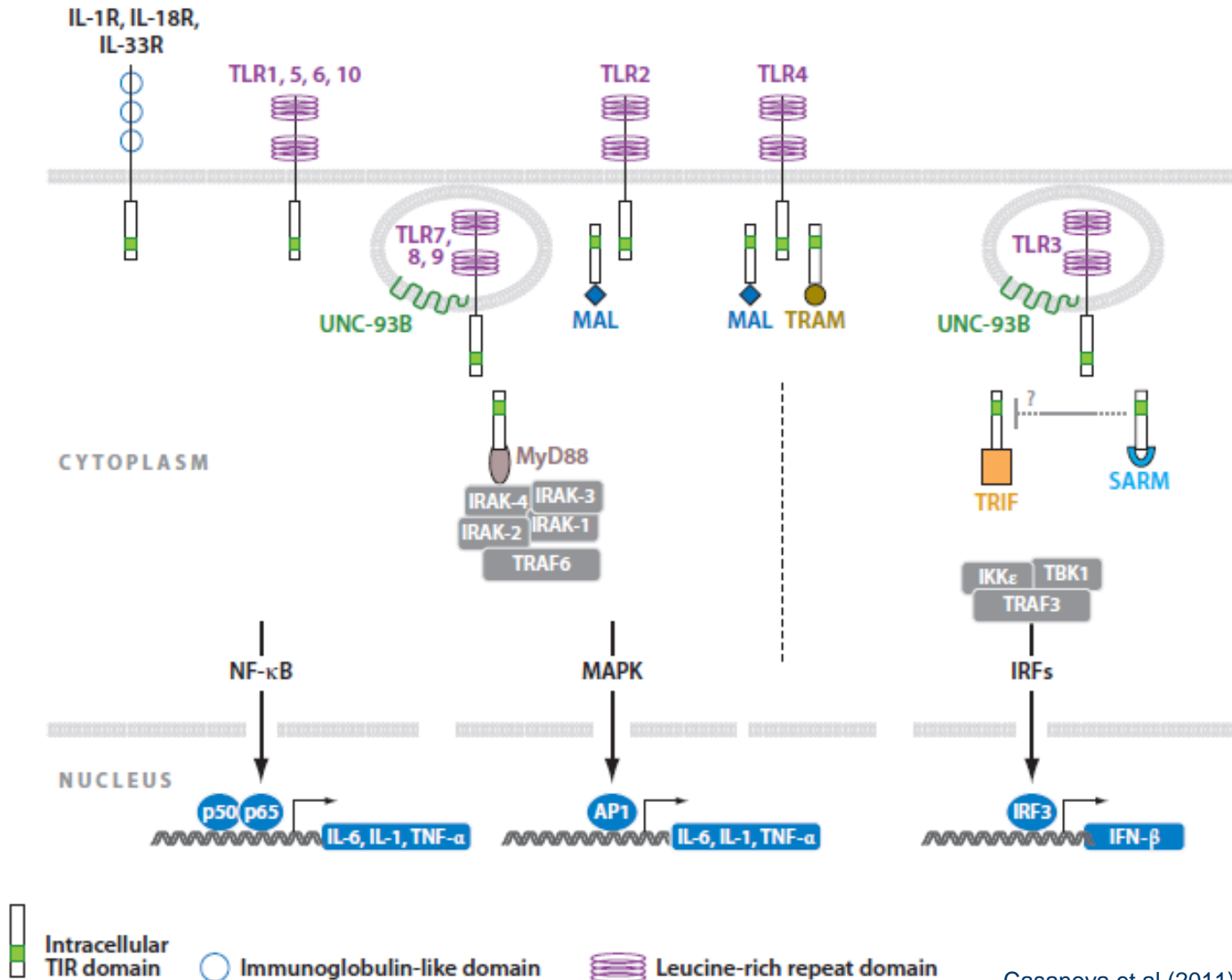


Mendelian holes in immunity to infection

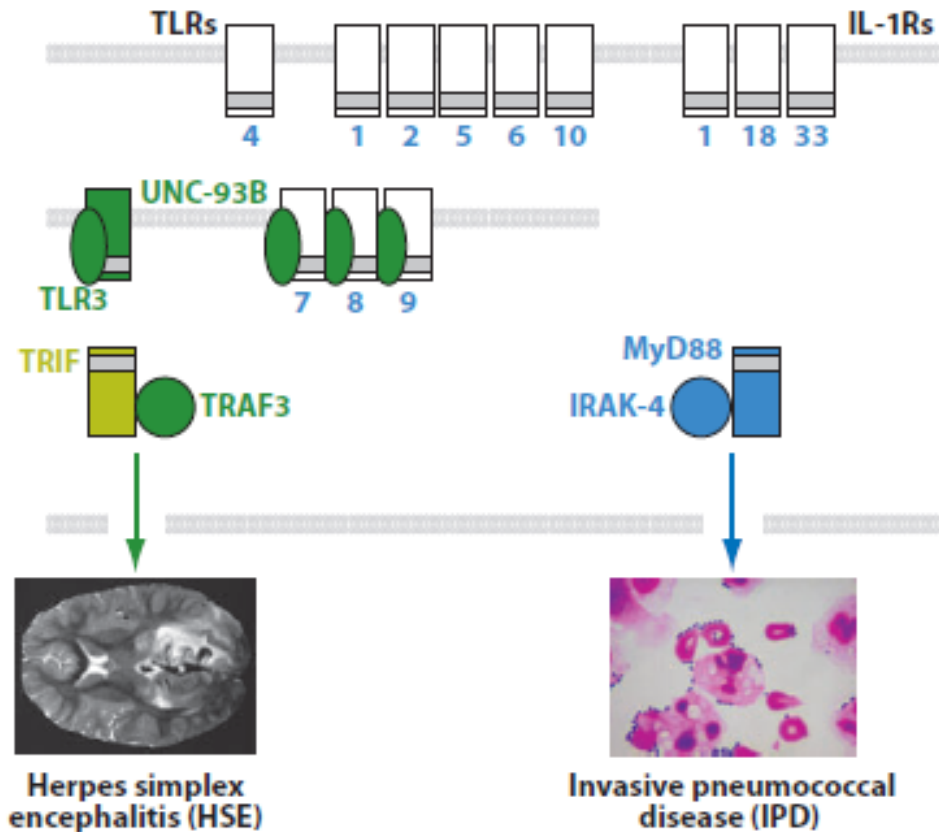
Infectious agent	Clinical phenotype	Immunological phenotype	Gene	Refs.
Neisseria	Invasive disease Invasive disease	MAC deficiency Properdin deficiency	<i>C5, C6, C7, C8A, C8B, C8G, C9</i> <i>PFC</i>	Reviewed in ref. 16
Mycobacteria	MSMD Disseminated tuberculosis	IL-12/IL-23-IFN- γ deficiency	<i>IFNGR1, IFNGR2, STAT1,</i> <i>NEMO, IL12B,</i> <i>IL12RB1</i>	Reviewed in ref. 43
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	Invasive disease	IRAK-4 and MyD88 deficiency	<i>IRAK4, MYD88</i>	37, 38
EBV	X-linked lymphoproliferative disease	SAP and XIAP deficiency	<i>SAP, XIAP</i>	36, 100
HPV	Epidermodysplasia verruciformis	EVER1/EVER2 deficiency	<i>EVER1, EVER2</i>	33
HSV-1	Encephalitis	Impaired production of antiviral IFNs	<i>UNC93B, TLR3</i>	46, 47
<i>Trypanosoma evansi</i>	Febrile episodes	No trypanolytic activity	<i>APOL1</i>	45

C, complement component; MAC, membrane attack complex; NEMO, NF- κ B essential modulator; PFC, properdin factor, complement.

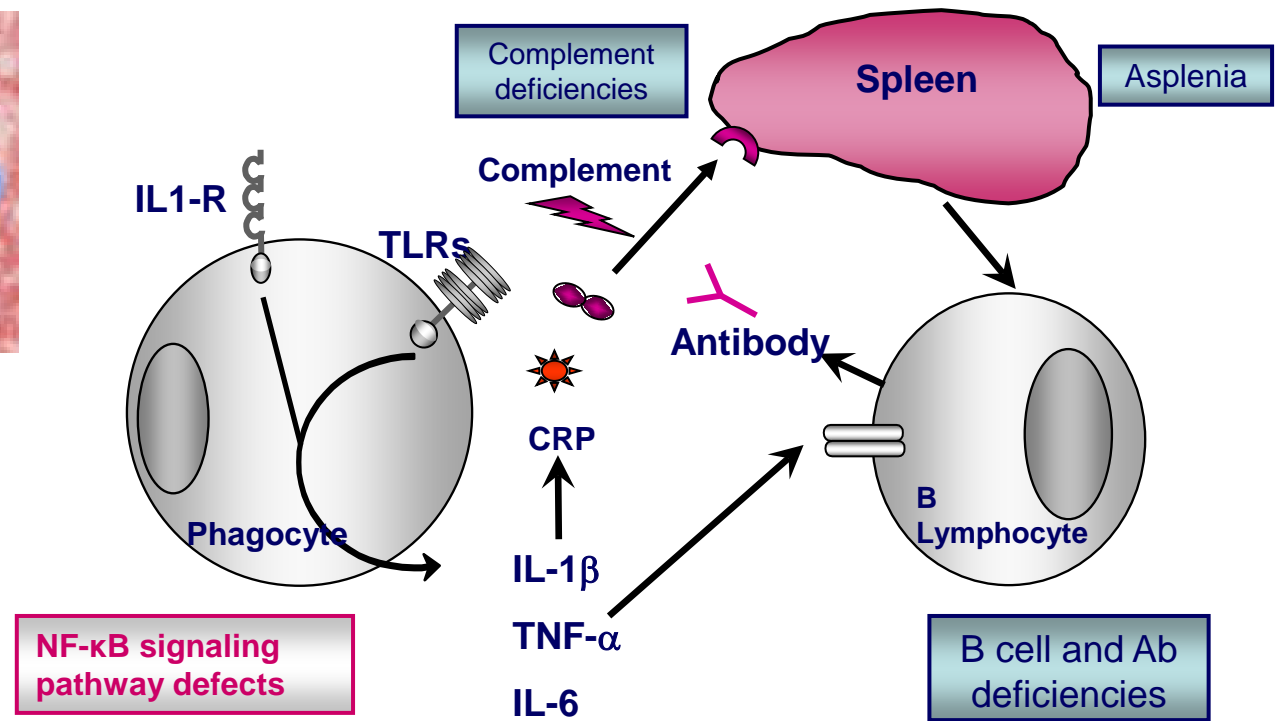
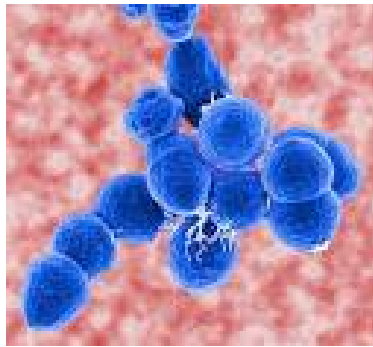
Innate Immunity: TLRs



Single-gene inborn errors of TLR and IL1-R immunity



Invasive pneumococcal diseases (IPD)

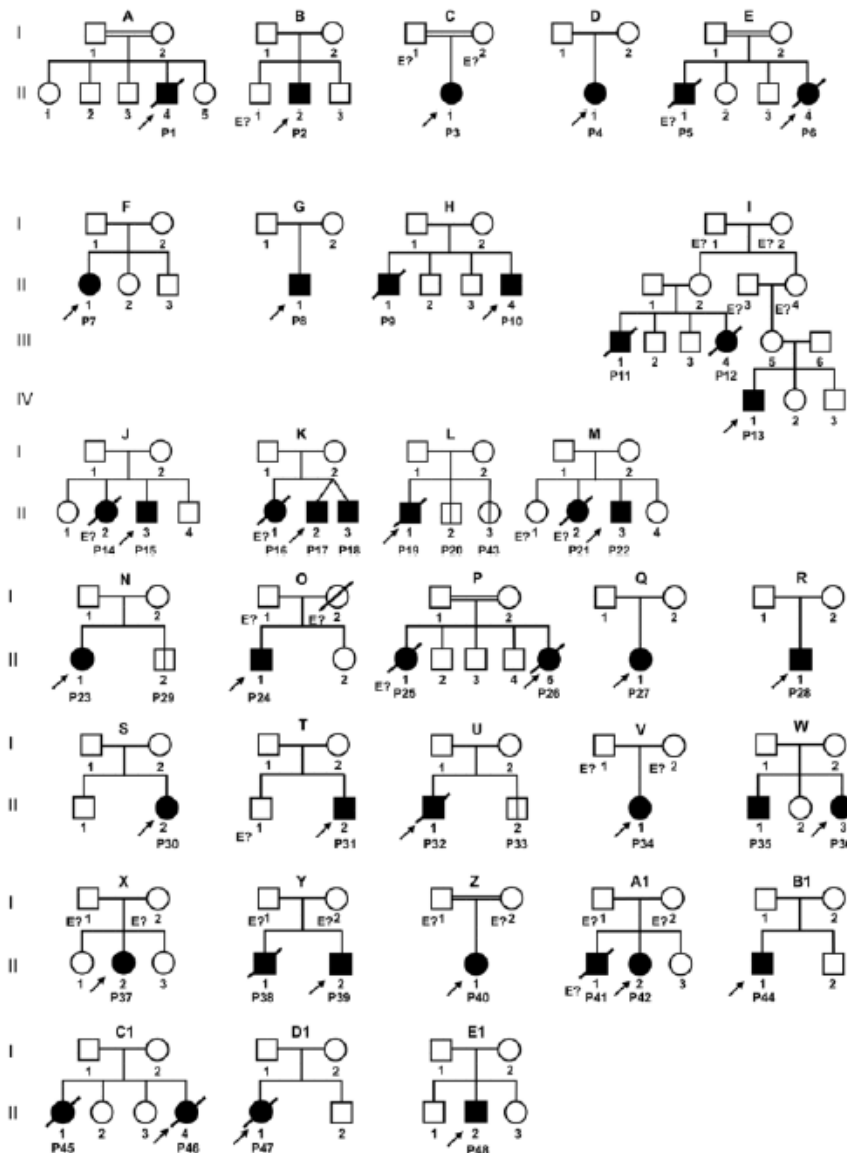


Most children colonized by *S. pneumoniae*

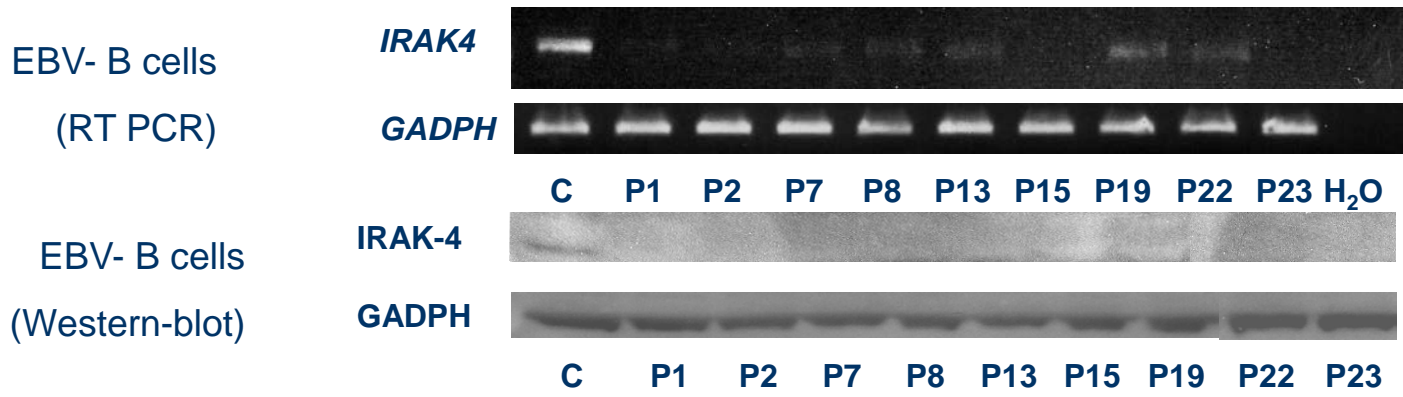
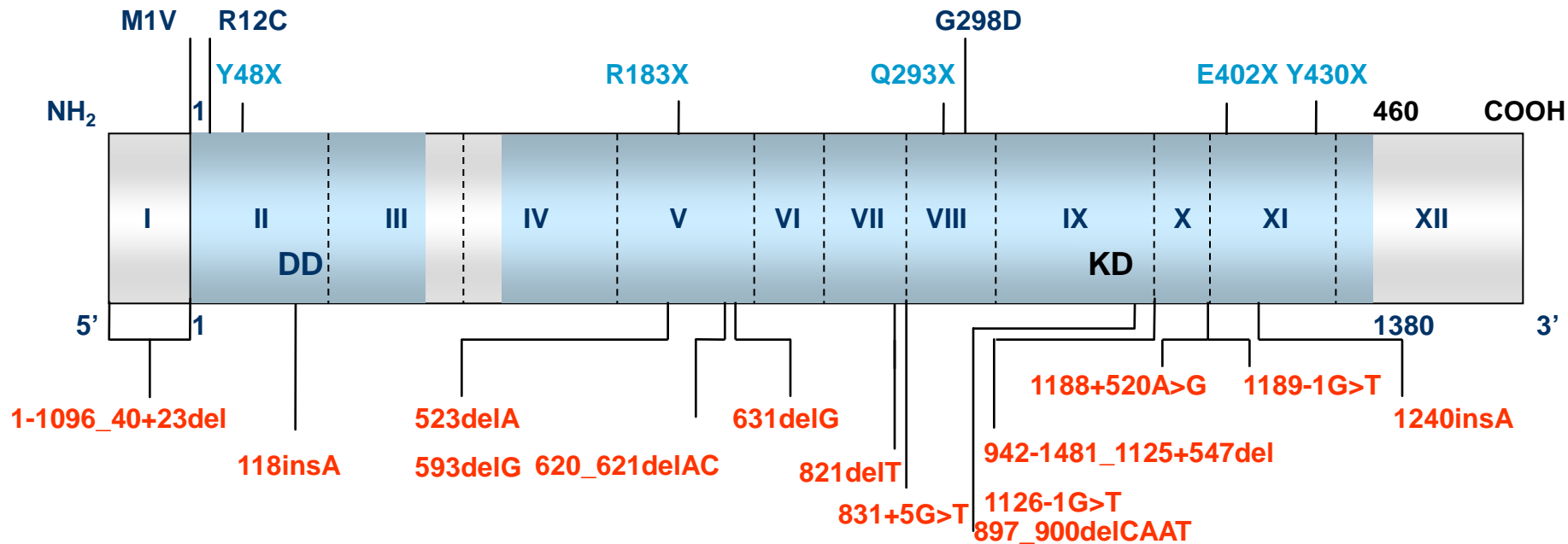
IPD is caused by *S. pneumoniae* resulting in pneumonia, septicemia or meningitis

Frequency: 10/100 000 / year
Mortality rate: 1.7/100 000 / year

AR IRAK-4 deficiency

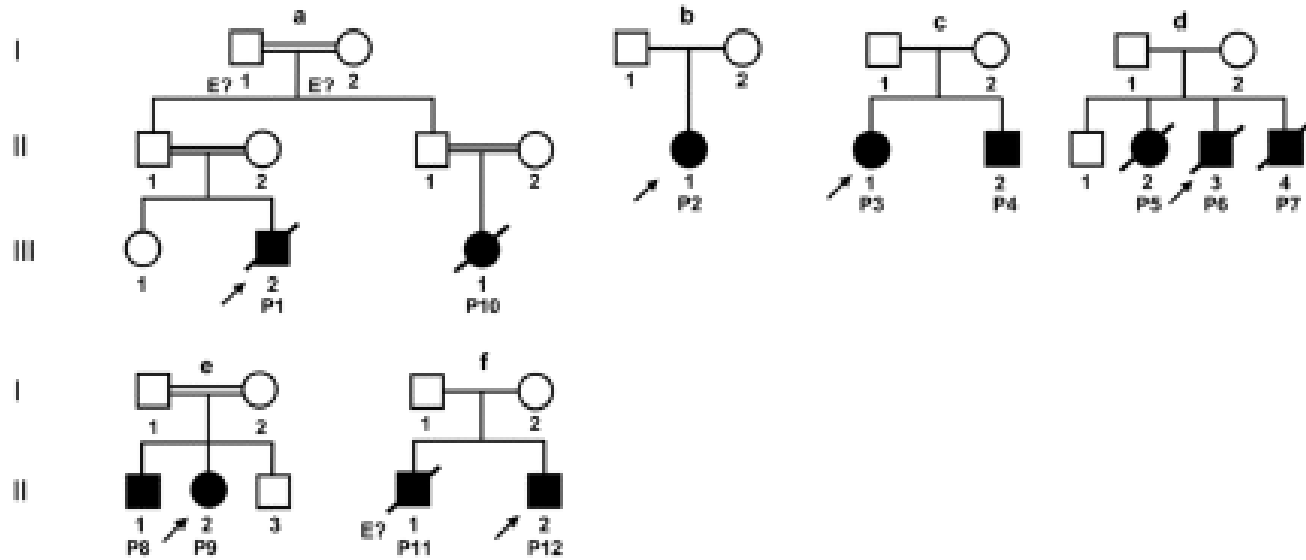


IRAK-4 deficiency - mutations

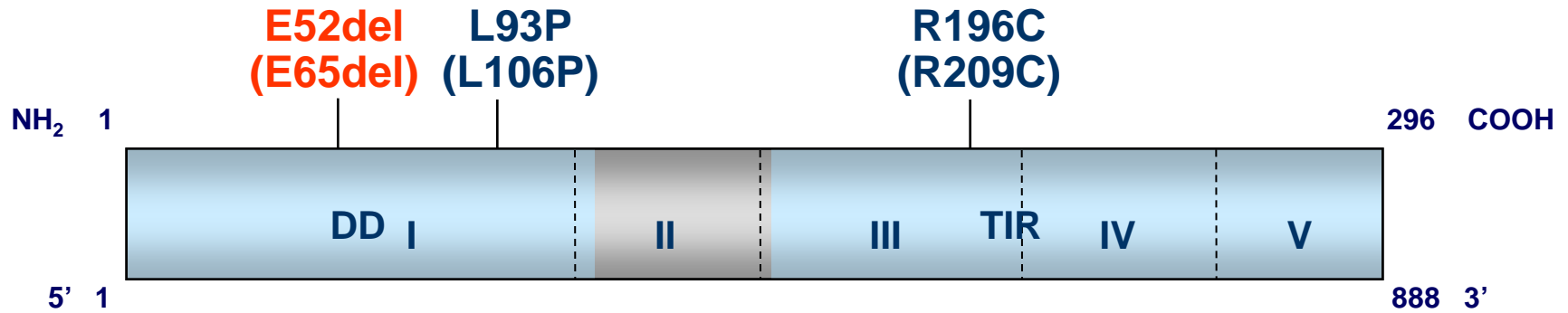


No protein expression for all mutations, except for G298D and R12C mutations (residual IRAK-4 protein expression)

AR MyD88 deficiency



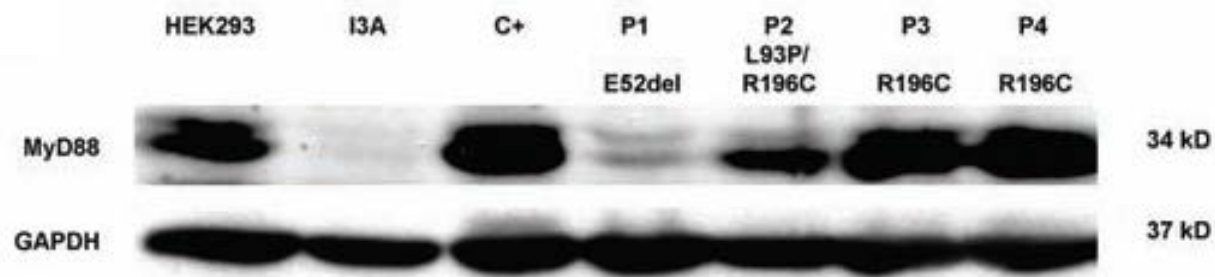
MyD88 deficiency - mutations



RT PCR

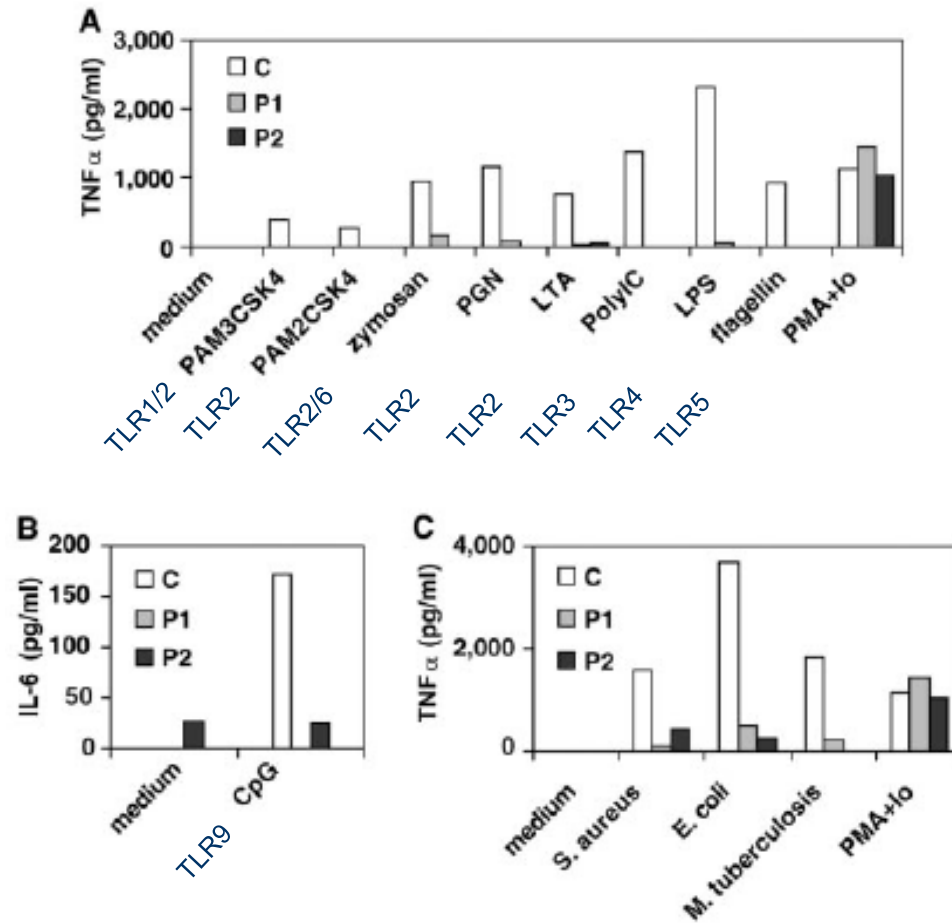


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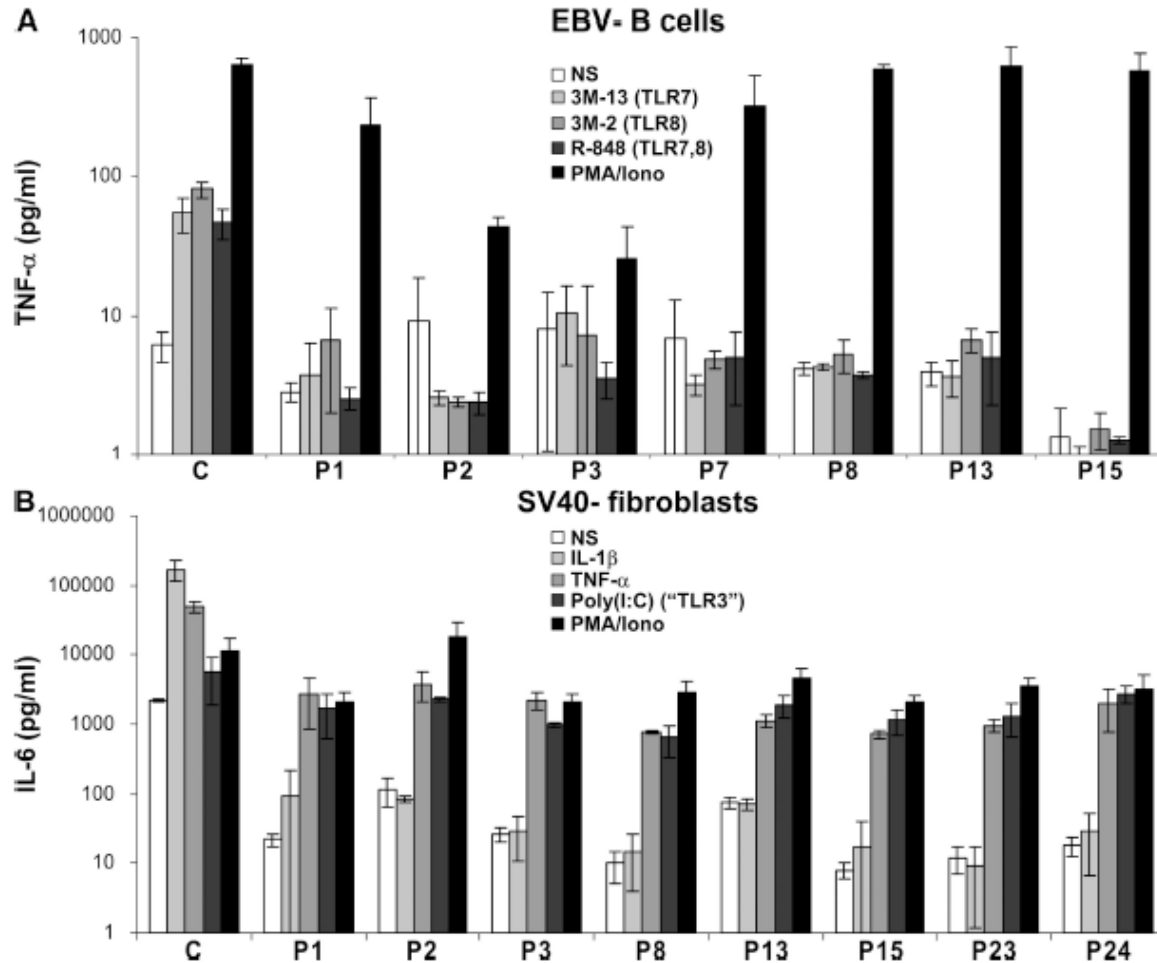


Whole blood phenotype

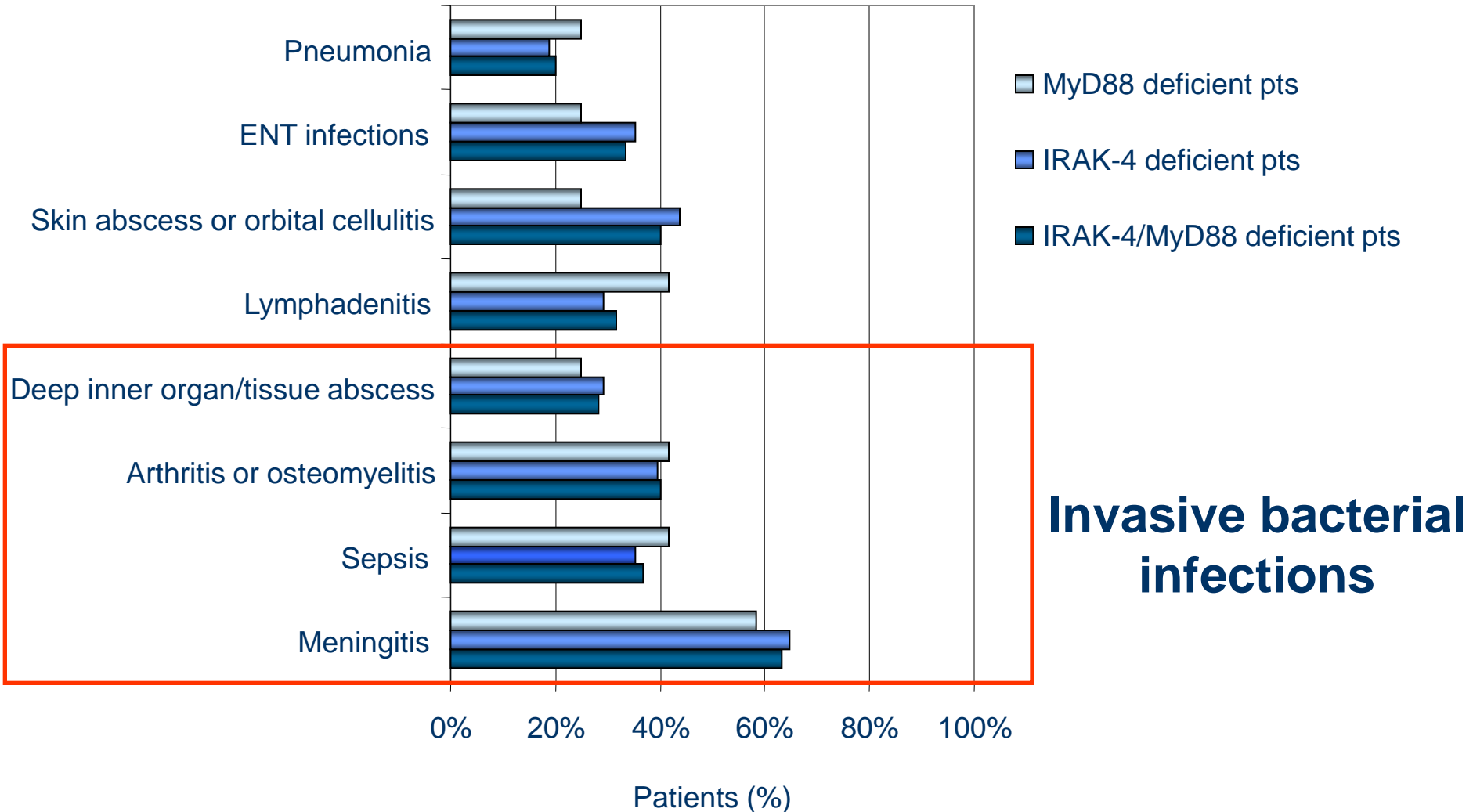
IRAK4^{-/-} and MYD88^{-/-}



Cellular phenotype



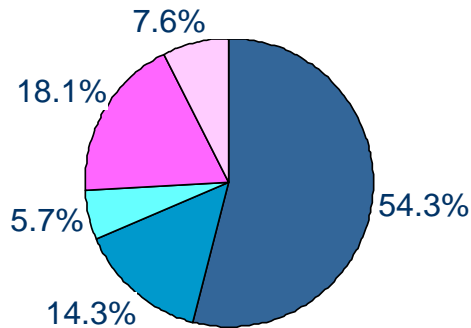
IRAK-4/MyD88 deficiencies: Clinical manifestations (60 patients)



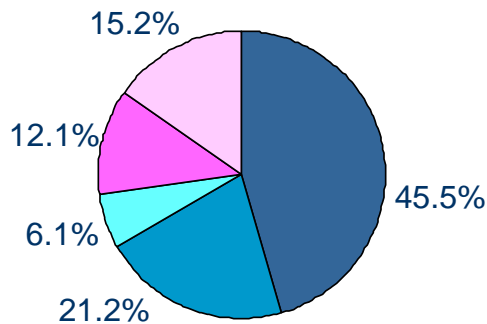
IRAK-4/MyD88 deficiencies: Bacterial infections

Invasive infections

IRAK-4 déficient pts

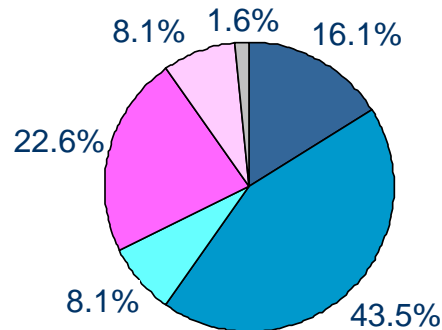


MyD88 déficient pts

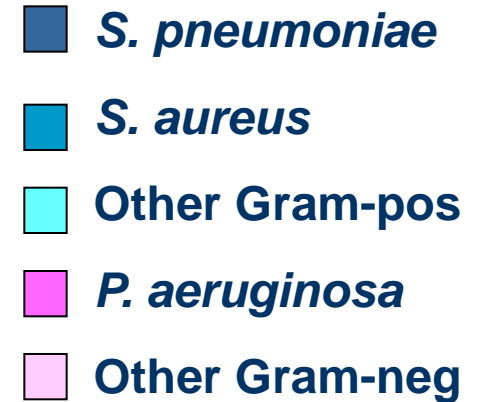
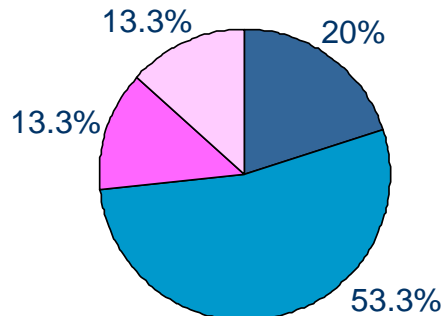


Non invasive infections

IRAK-4 deficient pts



MyD88 déficient pts



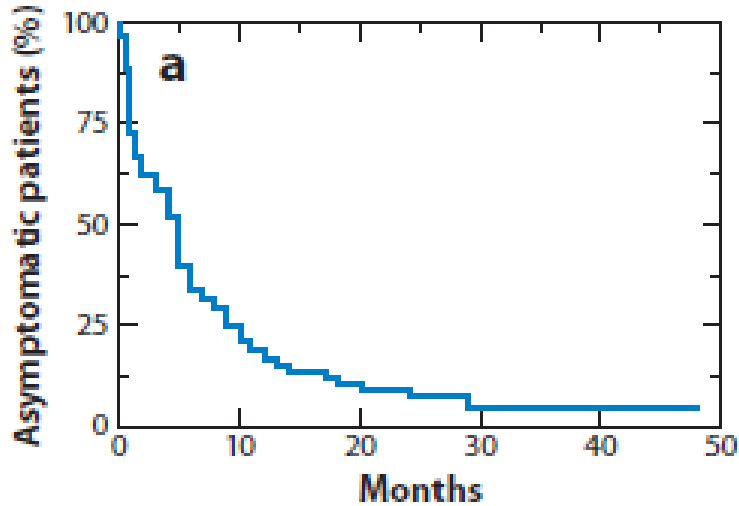
S. pneumoniae = 52.2% of invasive bacterial infections

(Meningitis, sepsis, arthritis, osteomyelitis, deep abscess)

S. aureus = 45.5% of non invasive bacterial infections

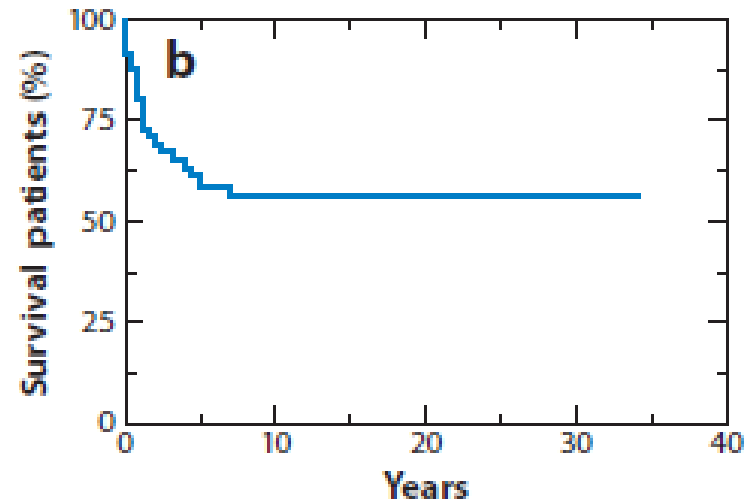
(Cellulitis, omphalitis, sinusitis, ENT infections, pneumonia)

IRAK-4/MyD88 deficiencies: Severe, narrow and transient phenotype



60	14	5	2	1	0
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Number of patients without infection



60	19	4	3	0
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Number of alive patients

Early clinical phenotype : first invasive infection occurred < 2 years
Transient clinical phenotype : no severe invasive infections > 14 years

IRAK-4/MyD88 deficiencies and IPD

MyD88 and IRAK-4 patients :

- same clinical and cellular phenotype
- Susceptibility to invasive pyogenic bacteria but improves with age
- Deficient IL-1 β and TLR signalling (except for TLR3, partially for TLR4)

The TIR signalling pathway:

- Crucial role in resistance to invasive infections by pyogenic bacteria
- Redundant role in resistance to other common microorganisms
(viruses, mycobacteria, fungi)

Children with invasive pneumococcal disease must be screened for defects in the TIR signalling pathway

Human versus Mouse MyD88 deficiency

Table 2. Thirty-three pathogens for which the mortality of MyD88-deficient mice in vivo was greater than that of wild-type controls in experimental conditions

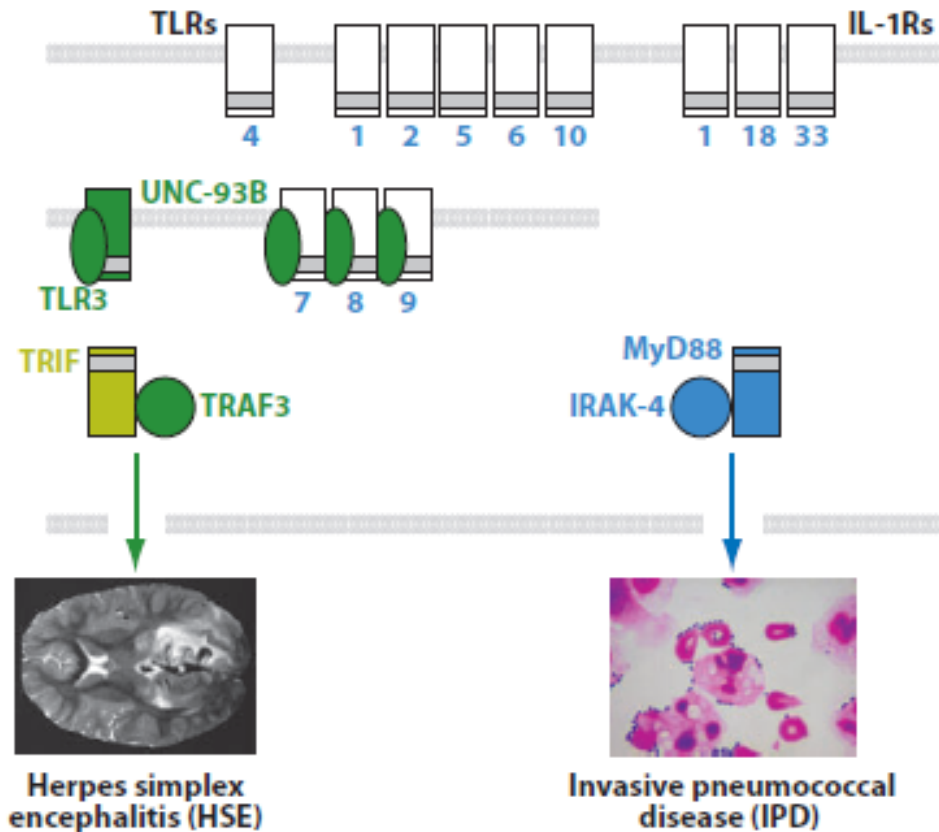
Pathogen group	Strain	References	
Gram-positive bacteria	<i>Bacillus anthracis</i>	[77]	
	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	[33]	
	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	[32]	
	<i>Streptococcus agalactiae</i>	[37]	
	<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	[45, 48]	
Gram-negative bacteria	<i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i>	[72]	
	Anaplasmataceae	[73]	
	<i>Borrelia hermsii</i>	[52]	
	<i>Burkholderia pseudomallei</i>	[67]	
	<i>Chlamydia muridarum</i>	[71]	
	<i>Chlamydia pneumoniae</i>	[47]	
	<i>Francisella tularensis</i>	[53, 68]	
	<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	[69]	
	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	[36, 44, 57, 63]	
	Mycobacteria	<i>Mycobacterium avium</i>	[35]
<i>Mycobacterium bovis</i>		[39]	
<i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i>		[40, 41, 58, 65]	
Viruses		Herpes simplex virus 1	[80]
	Herpes simplex virus 2	[83]	
	Influenza A virus	[84]	
	Lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus	[81, 85]	
	Murine cytomegalovirus	[78, 82]	
	Rabies virus	[90, 91]	
	SARS coronavirus	[89]	
	Vesicular stomatitis virus	[87, 88]	
	Parasites	<i>Cryptosporidium parvum</i>	[101]
		<i>Toxoplasma gondii</i>	[92, 93, 96, 98, 103, 106]
		<i>Trypanosoma brucei</i>	[99]
<i>Trypanosoma cruzii</i>		[97, 102]	
Fungi		<i>Aspergillus</i> spp.	[108]
	<i>Candida albicans</i>	[108, 109, 112]	
	<i>Cryptococcus neoformans</i>	[110, 111]	
	<i>Paracoccidioides brasiliensis</i>	[113]	

Table 3. Invasive infections in patients with impaired MyD88-IRAK-4 signaling caused by six Gram-positive and 13 Gram-negative bacteria

Pathogen group	Strain	References
Gram-positive bacteria	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	[29–31, 115, 117, 119, 121, 125, 126, 128]
	<i>Streptococcus agalactiae</i>	[30, 31, 127, 128]
	<i>Streptococcus milleri</i>	[125]
	<i>Streptococcus parasanguis</i>	[118]
	<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	[29–31, 114–126, 128]
	<i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i>	[31, 128]
Gram-negative bacteria	<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i>	[128]
	<i>Citrobacter freundii</i>	[31]
	<i>Clostridium septicum</i>	[31, 114, 116]
	<i>Escherichia coli</i>	[31]
	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	[31]
	<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	[31]
	<i>Moraxella catarrhalis</i>	[31]
	<i>Neisseria meningitidis</i>	[31, 114, 116, 125]
	<i>Proteus</i> spp.	[30, 31]
	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	[30, 31, 120–122, 125, 128]
	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>	[30, 31]
	<i>Serratia marcescens</i>	[31]
	<i>Shigella sonnei</i>	[31, 119, 125, 127]

MyD88-dependent TLR and IL-1R immunity is vital in both mice and humans, but its role in the course of naturally occurring infections in humans seems to be much more restricted

Single-gene inborn errors of TLR and IL1-R immunity



Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV)

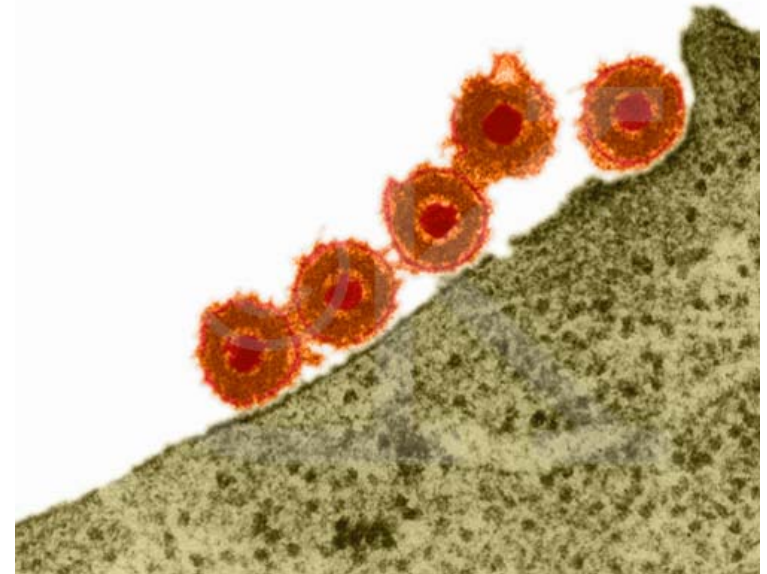
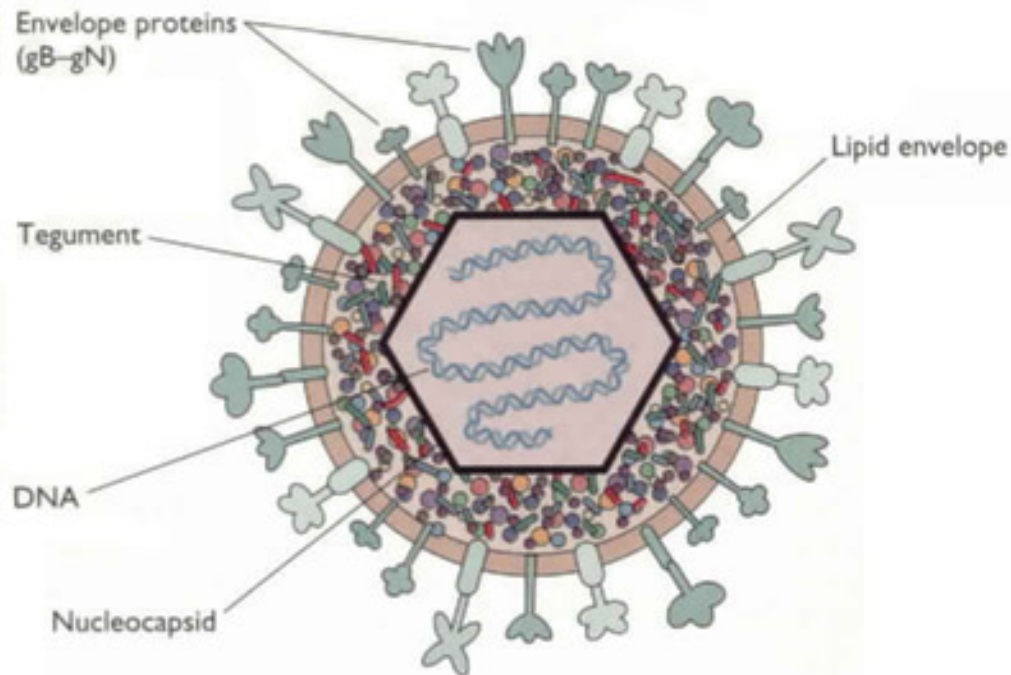
Alpha Herpetoviridae family

Enveloped virus with ds DNA genome

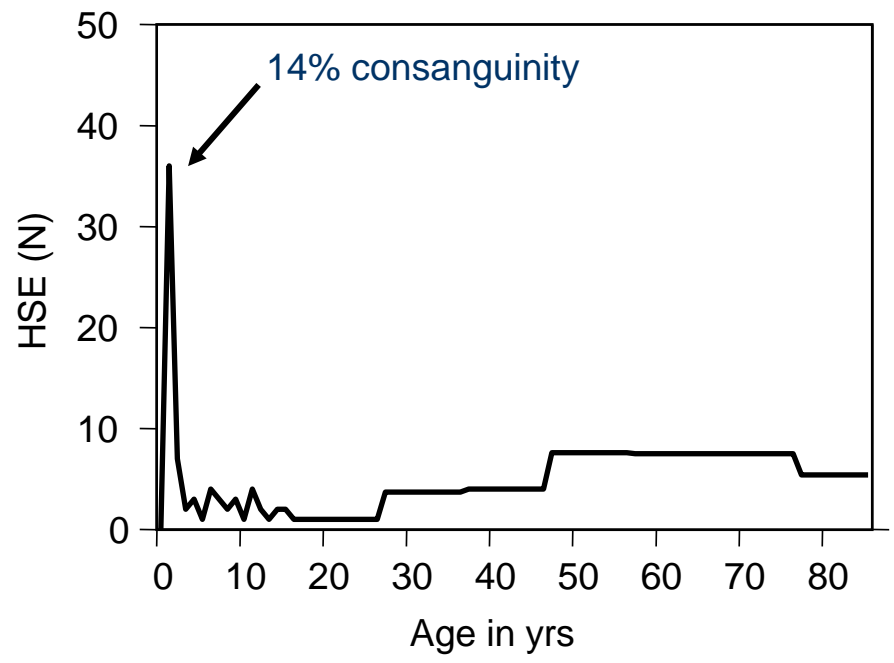
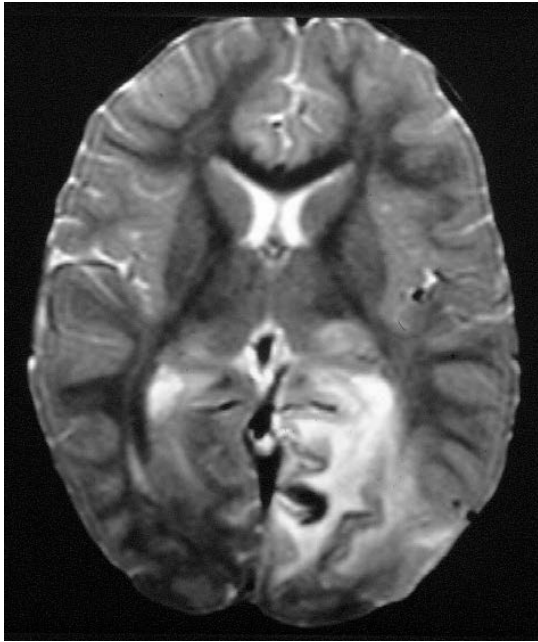
Binds to cell surface via surface glycoproteins

Causes lytic or latent infection

1960s: HSV-1 & HSV-2

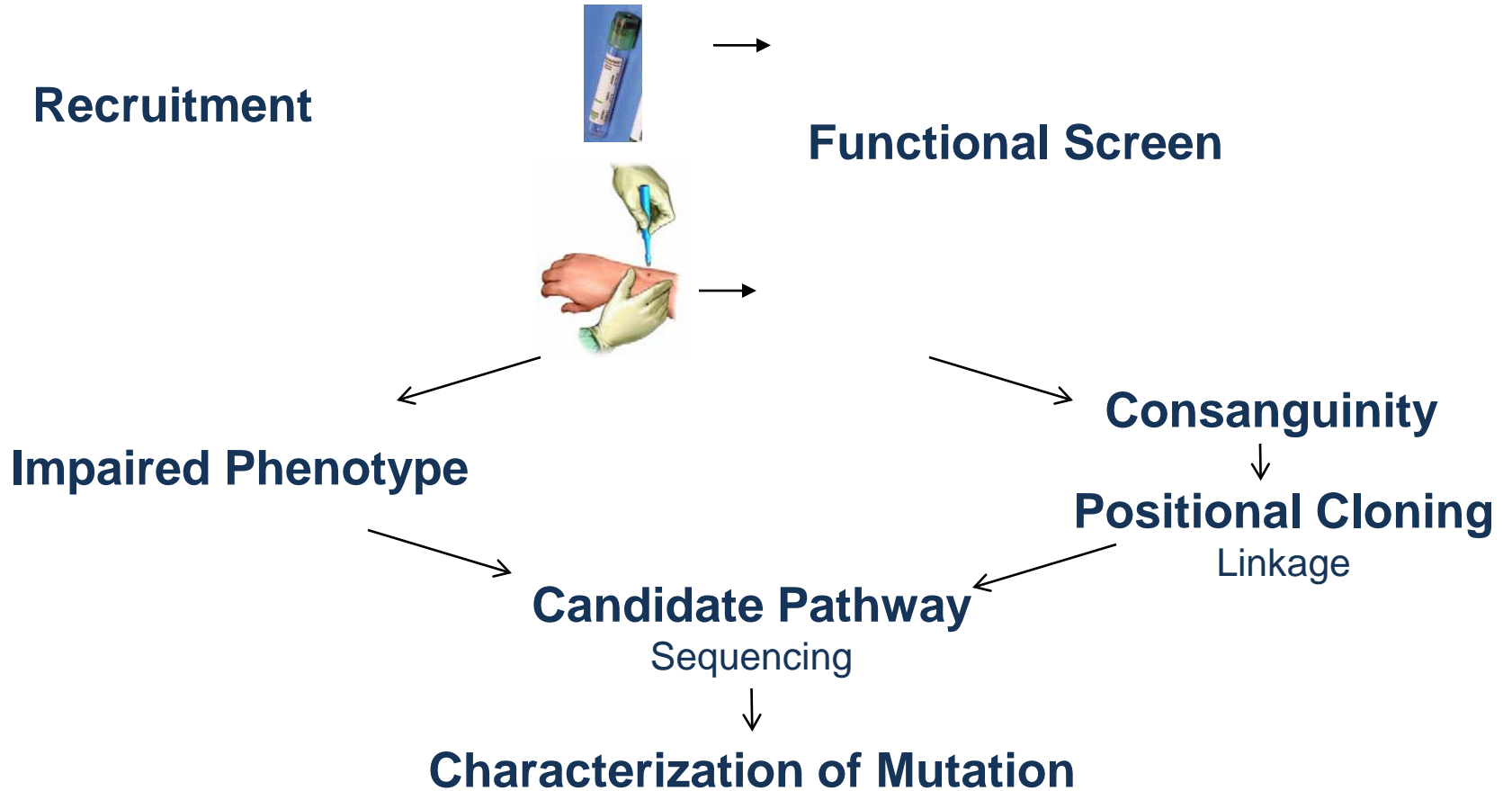


Herpes Simplex Encephalitis (HSE)

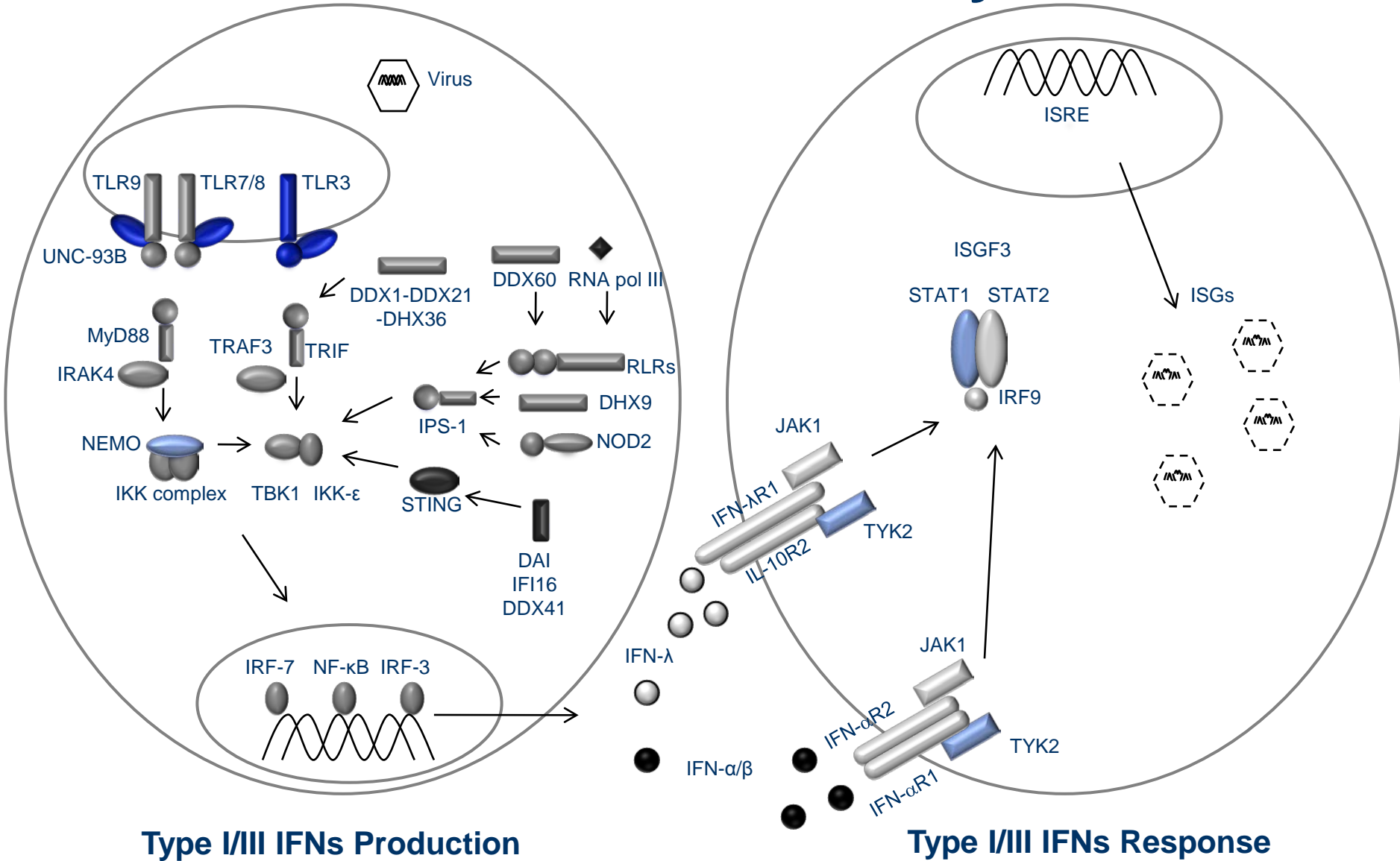


HSE patients carry a genetic predisposition to HSE

HSE Patients

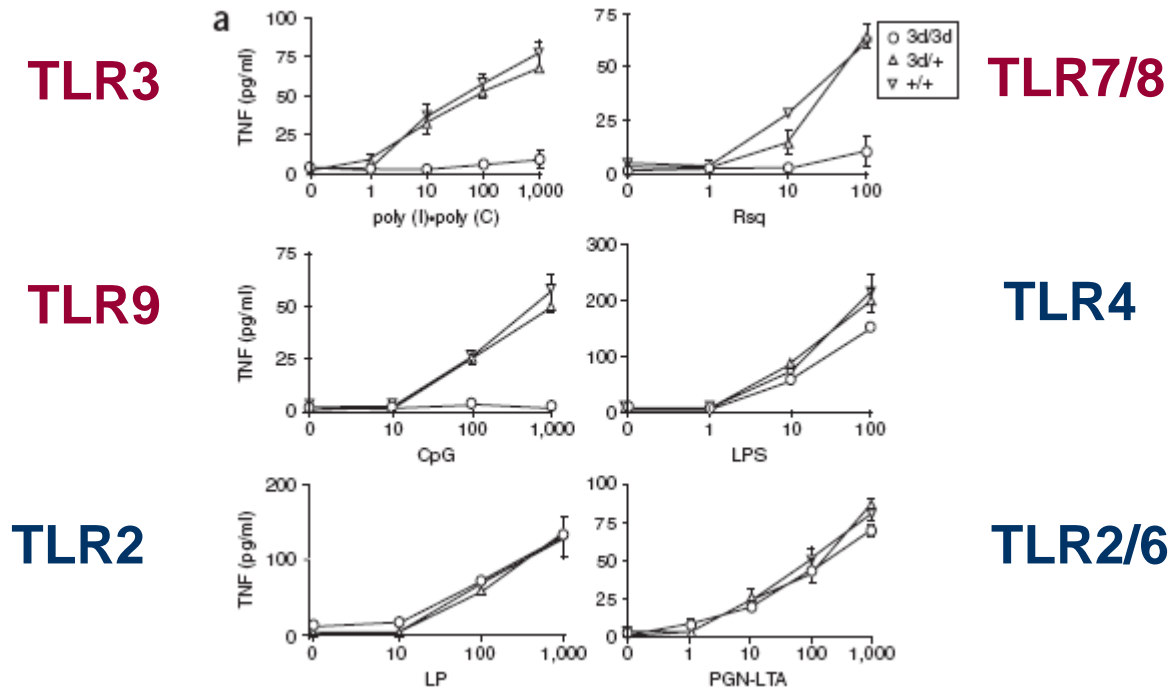


Antiviral Immunity

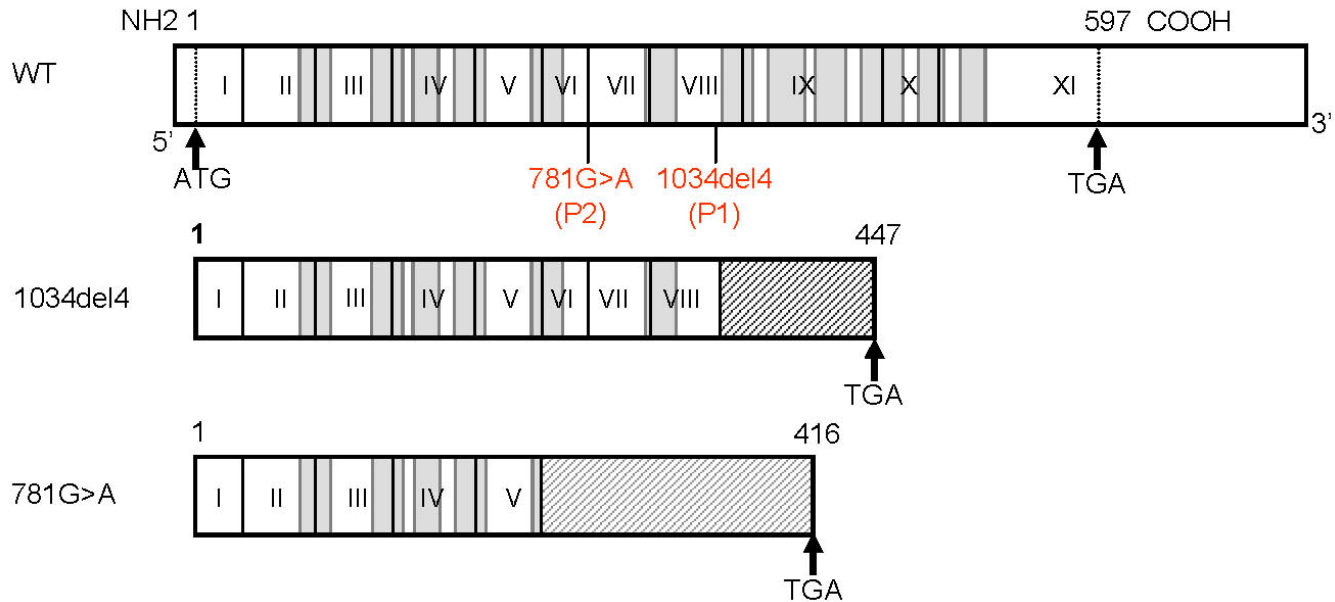
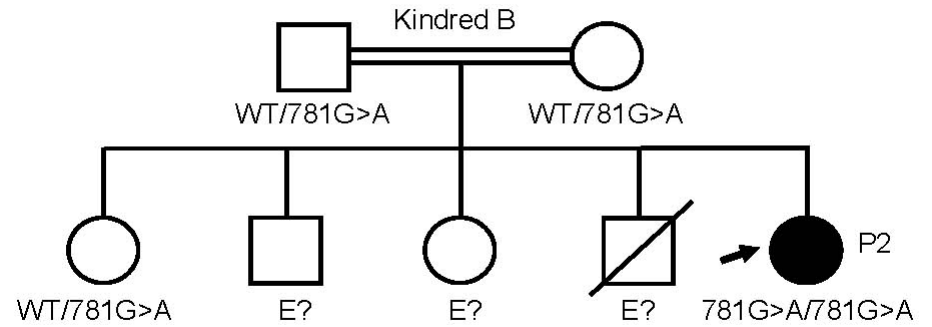
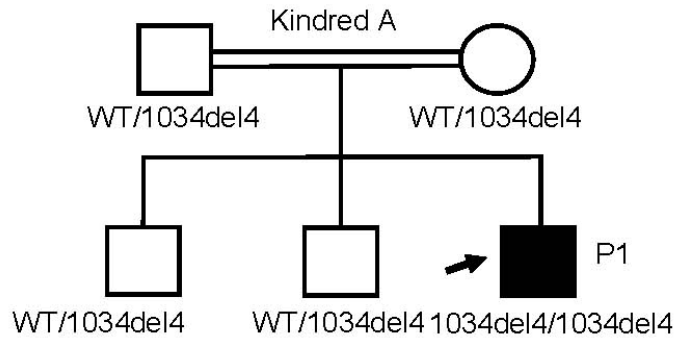


The *Unc93b1* mutation 3d disrupts exogenous antigen presentation and signaling via Toll-like receptors 3, 7 and 9

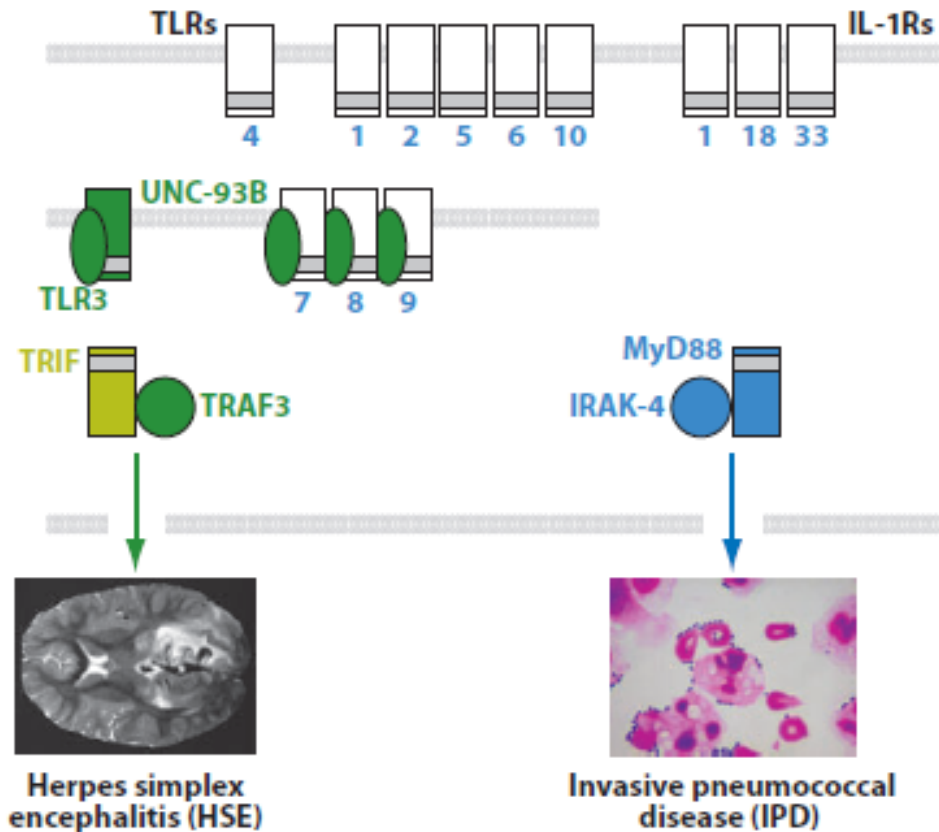
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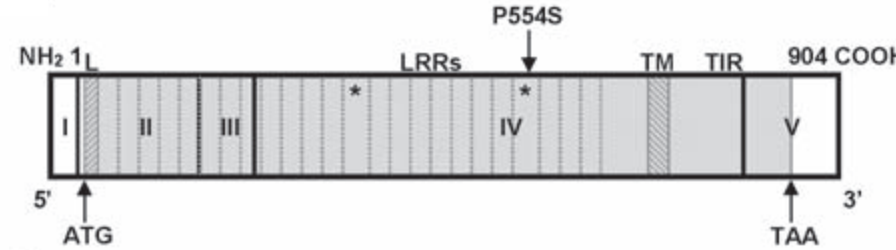
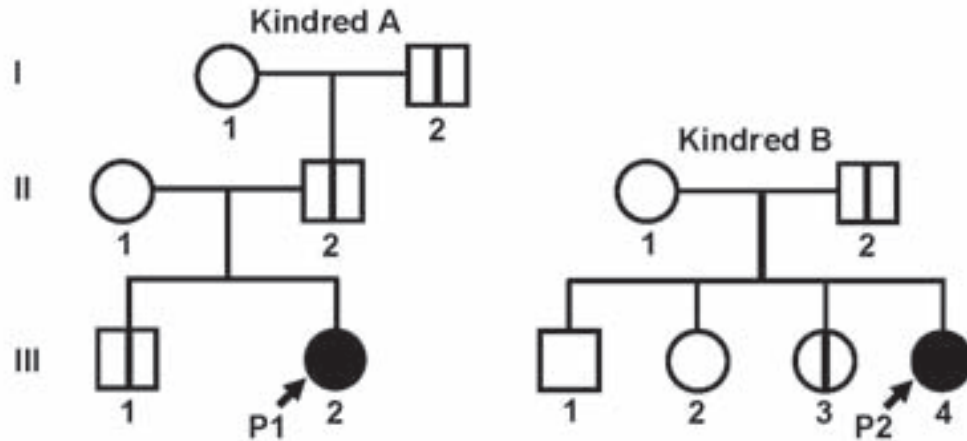
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TLR3 deficiency



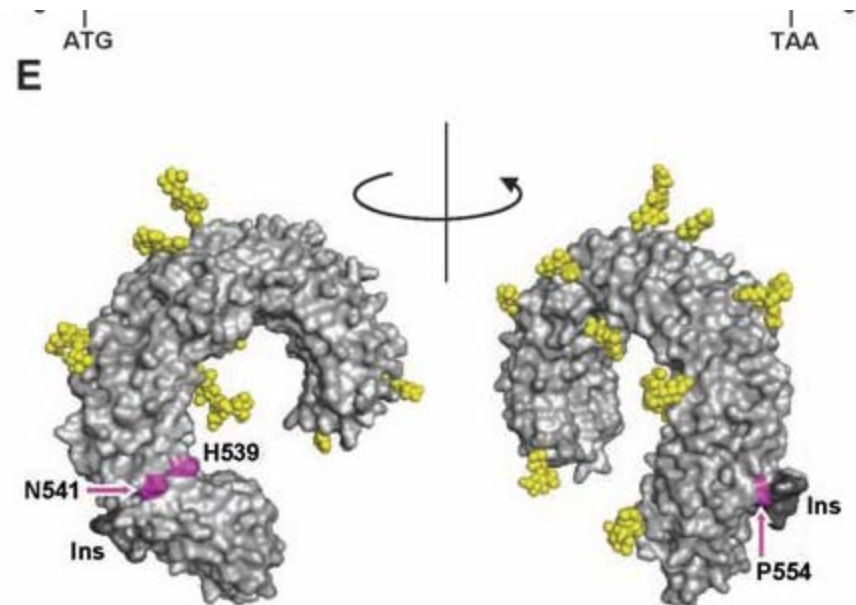
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<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	KLE I I L D L Q H N	N L A R L W K H A N	P G G P V Y F L K G L S
<i>Pan troglodytes</i>	KLE I I L D L Q H N	N L A R L W K H A N	P G G P V Y F L K G L S
<i>Bos taurus</i>	KLE I I L D L Q H N	N L A R L W K H A N	P G G P V Q F L K G L F
<i>Bubalus bubalis</i>	KLE I I L D L Q H N	N L A R L W K H A N	P G G P V Q F L K G L S
<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	KLE I I L D L Q H N	N L A R L W K H A N	P G G P V Q F L K G L S
<i>Sus scrofa</i>	K L Q I I L D L Q H N	N L A R L W K H A N	P G G P V Q F L K G L S
<i>Equus caballus</i>	K L E V I D L Q H N	N L A R L W K H A N	P G G P V H F L K G L S
<i>Felis catus</i>	K L E I L E L Q H N	N L A R L W K R A N	P S G P V Y F L K G L S
<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	K L E V I D L Q H N	N L A R L W K Q A N	P G G P V H F L K G L S
<i>Gallus gallus</i>	E L D I L N L Q H N	N L A R L W K C A N	P G G P V L F L K D V P
<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>	N L E I I L D F Q H N	N L A R L W K H A N	P G G P V N F L K G L S
<i>Mus musculus</i>	N L E I I L D F Q H N	N L A R L W K R A N	P G G P V N F L K G L S
<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>	N L K V L K F Q H N	N L A R L W K S A N	P G G P V L F L R G L R
<i>Carassius auratus</i>	H L K V P K M Q H N	N L A R L W K T A N	P G G P V F F L K D A T
<i>Danio rerio</i>	N L K V V K M Q H N	N L A R L W K M A N	P G G P V L F L K D A T
<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>	H L S V L K L Q H N	N L A R V W K N A N	P G G P V L I L R D A Q
<i>Takifugu rubripes</i>	N L R V L K L Q H N	N F A R L W K N N N	V G G E V M F L Q D T L

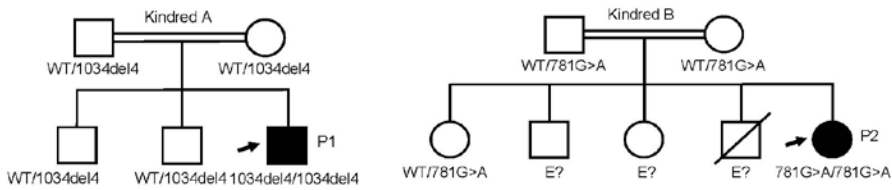
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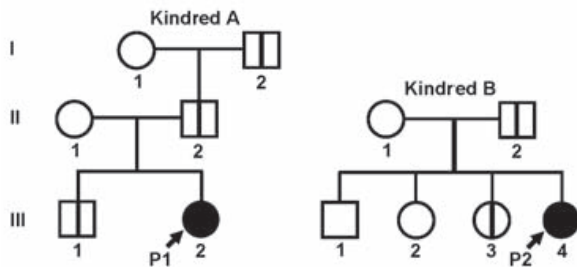


UNC93B^{-/-} vs TLR3^{+/-} Deficiencies

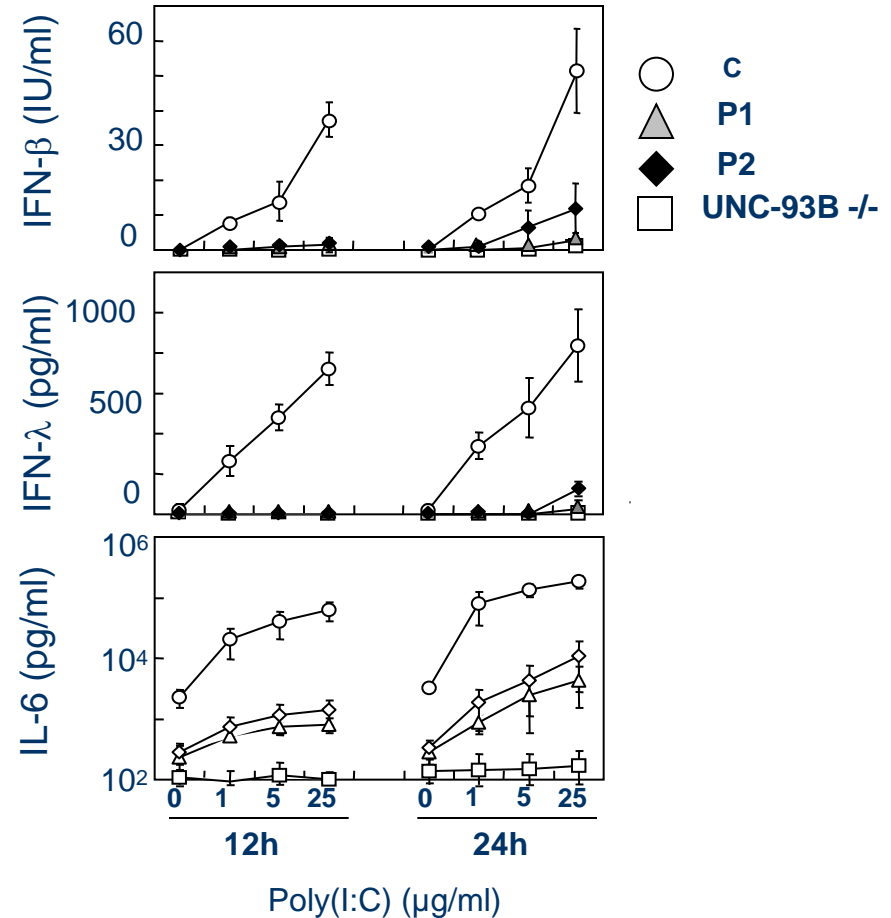
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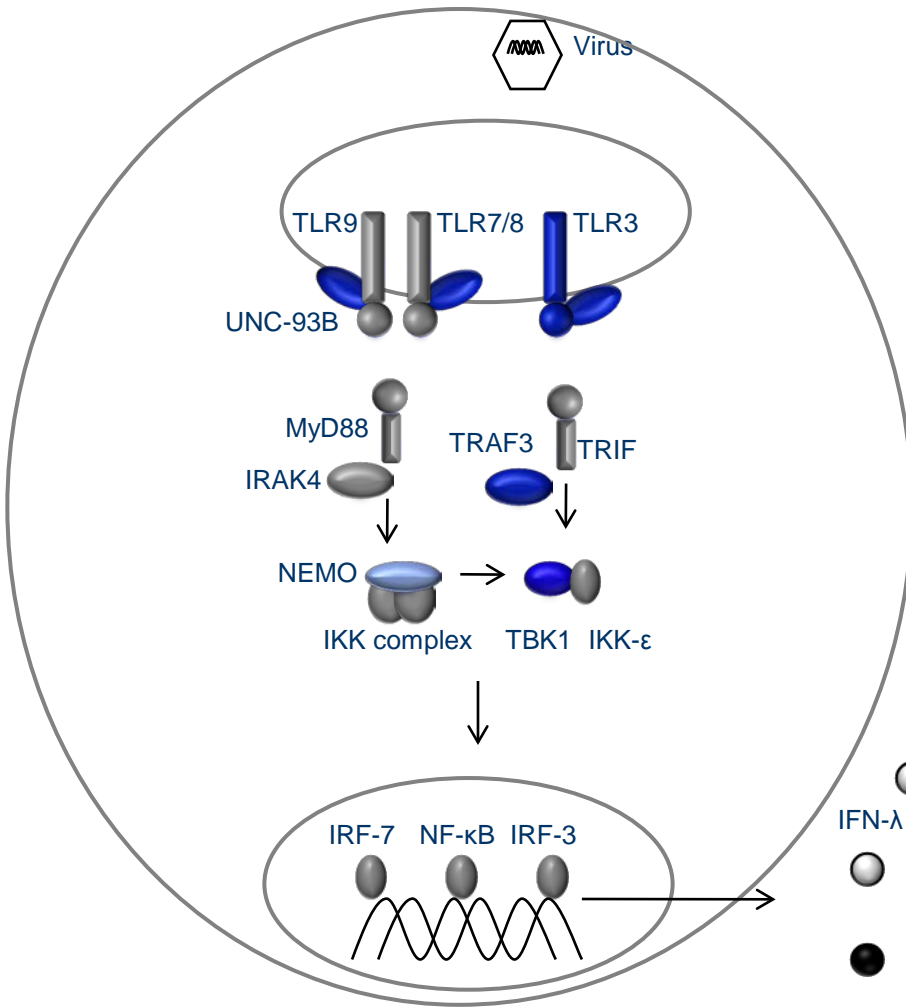
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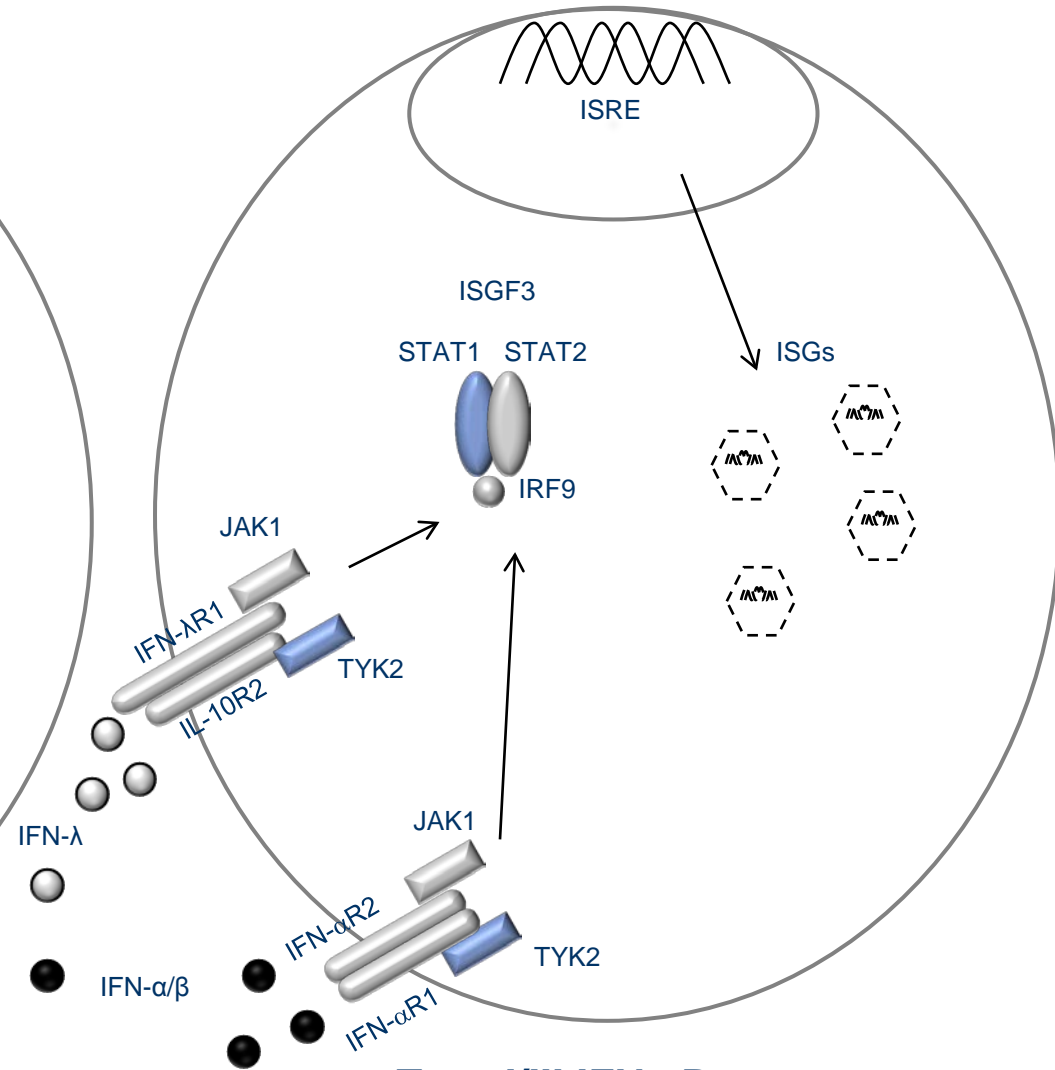
SV40 Fibroblasts



HSE Immunity

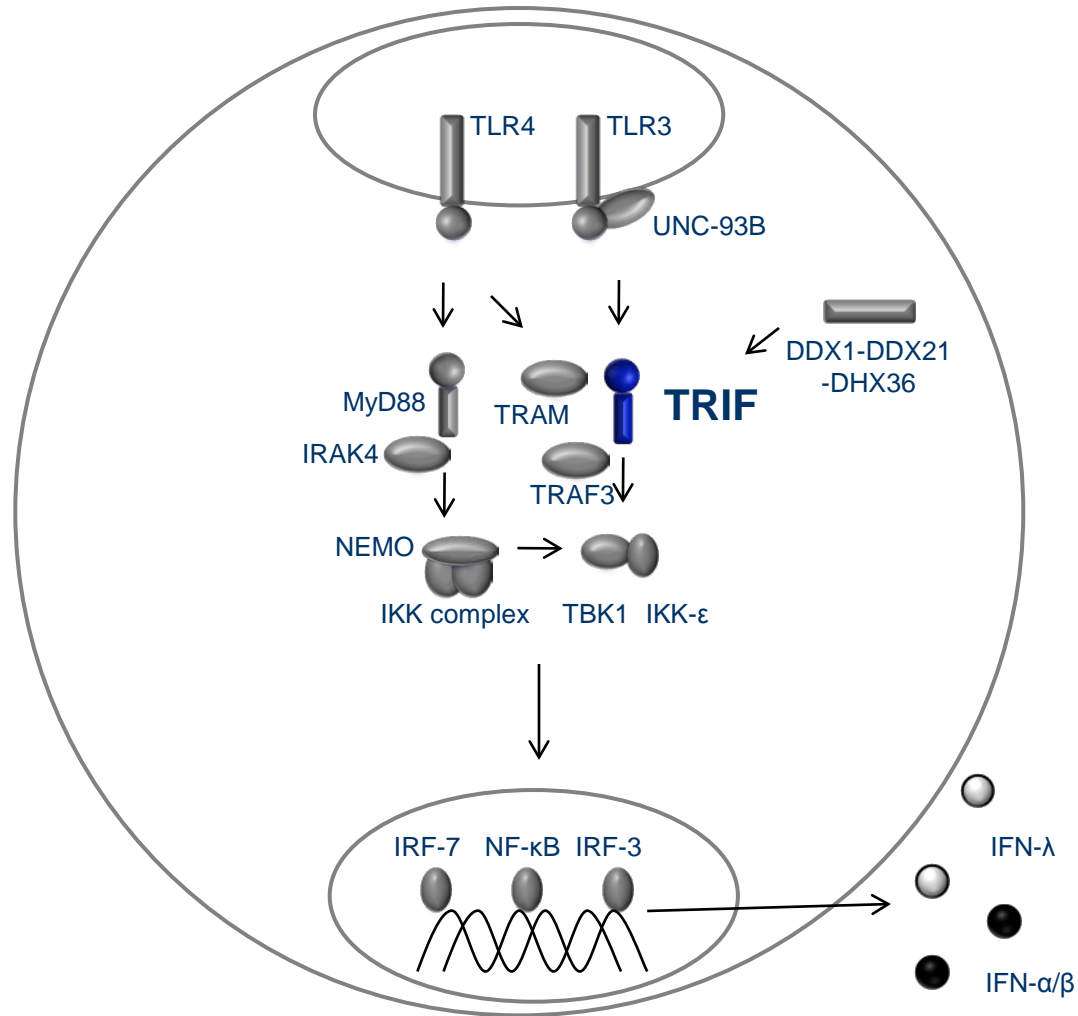


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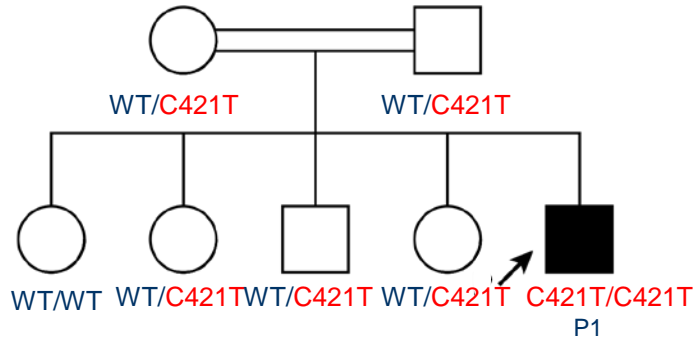
Type I/III IFNs Response

TRIF deficiency

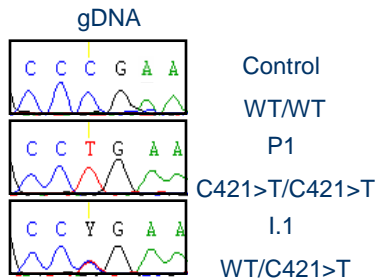


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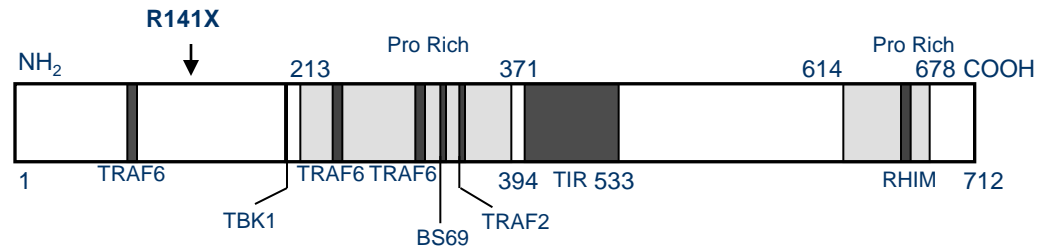
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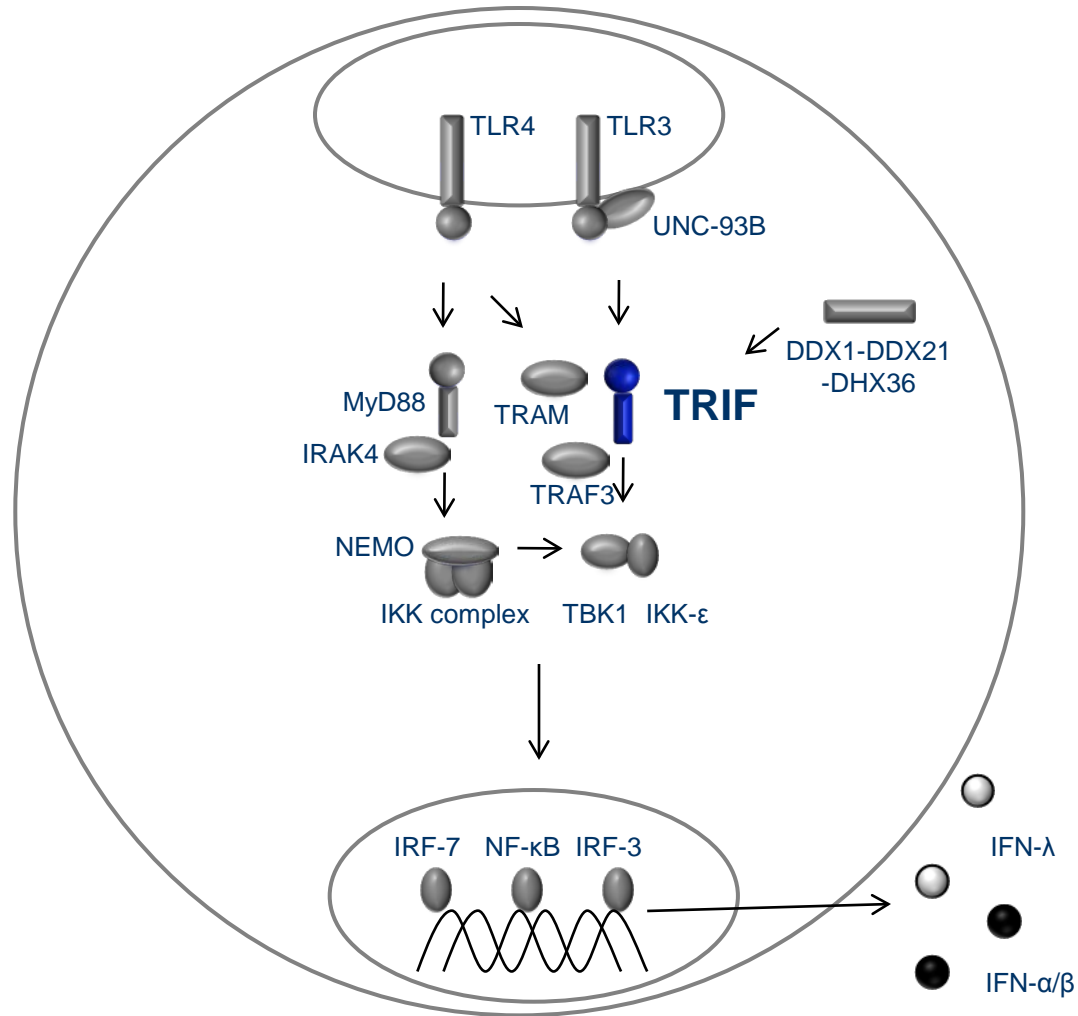
HSE at 3yrs



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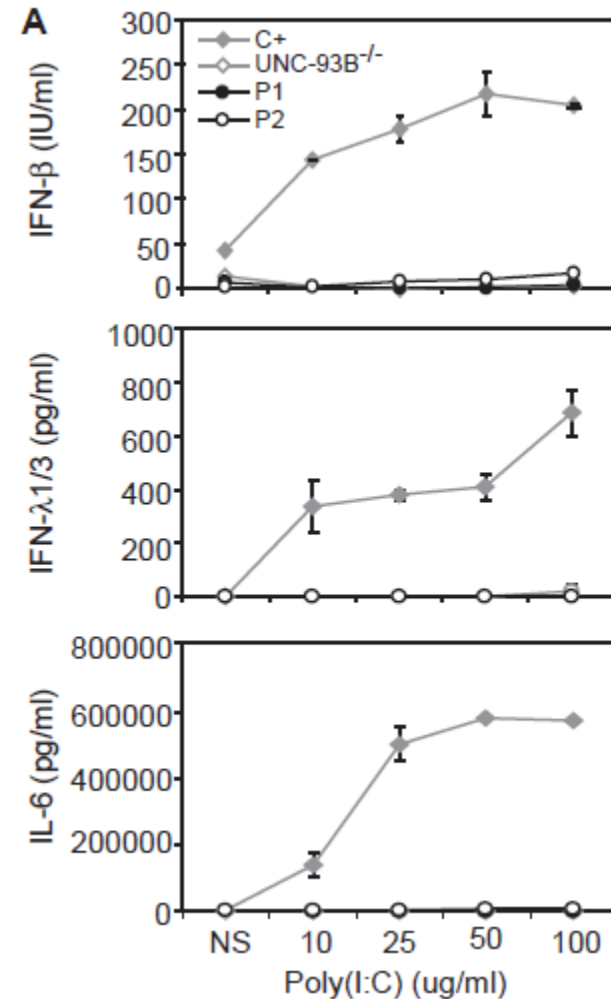
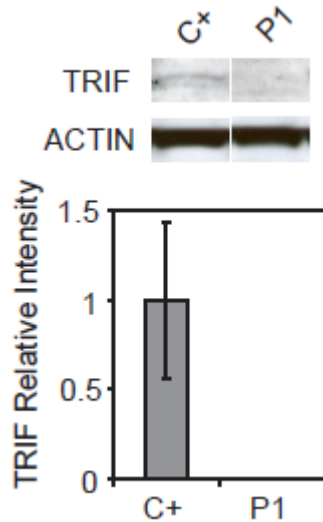
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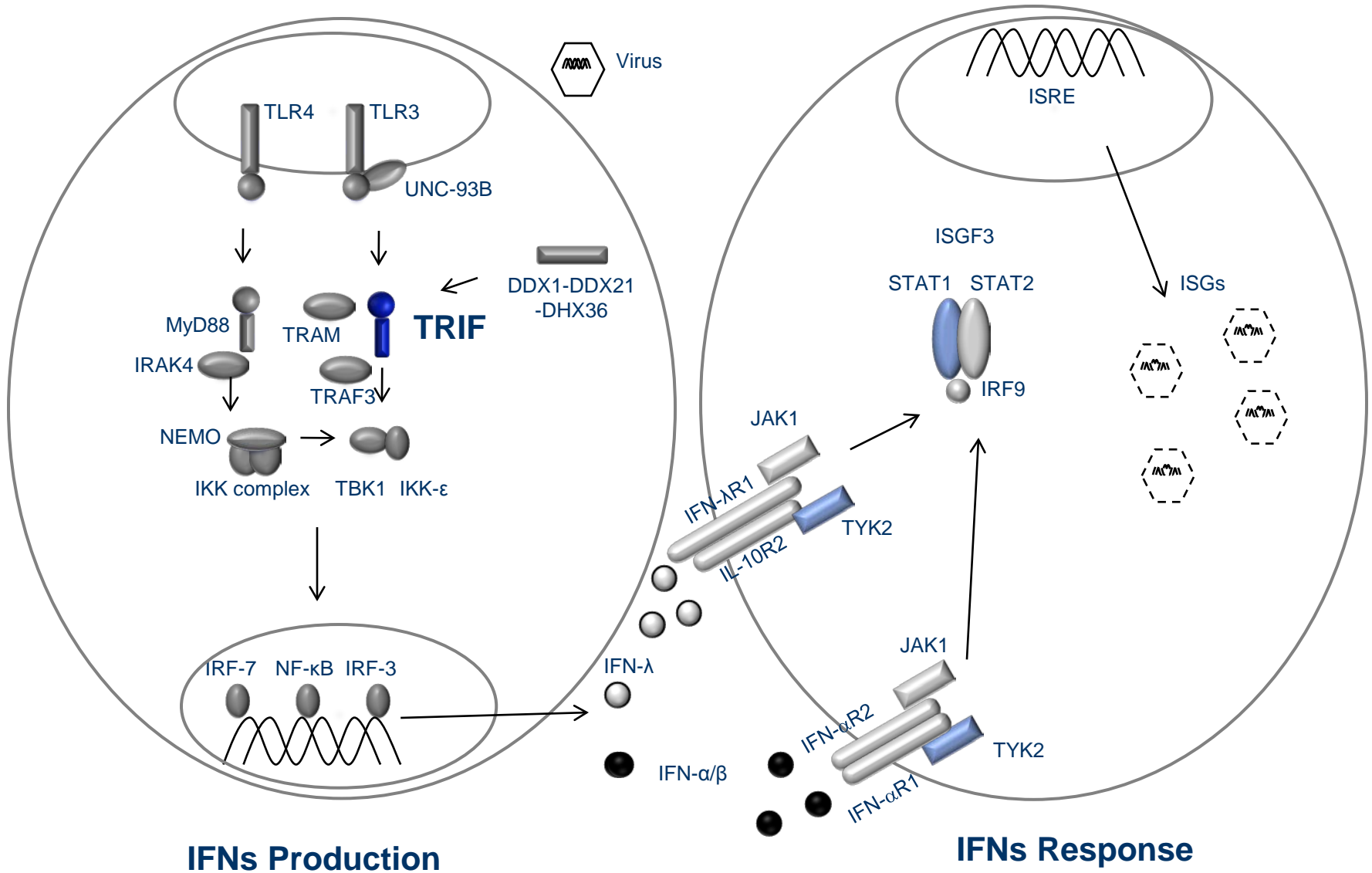
TRIF Expression/Function

SV40 Fibroblasts

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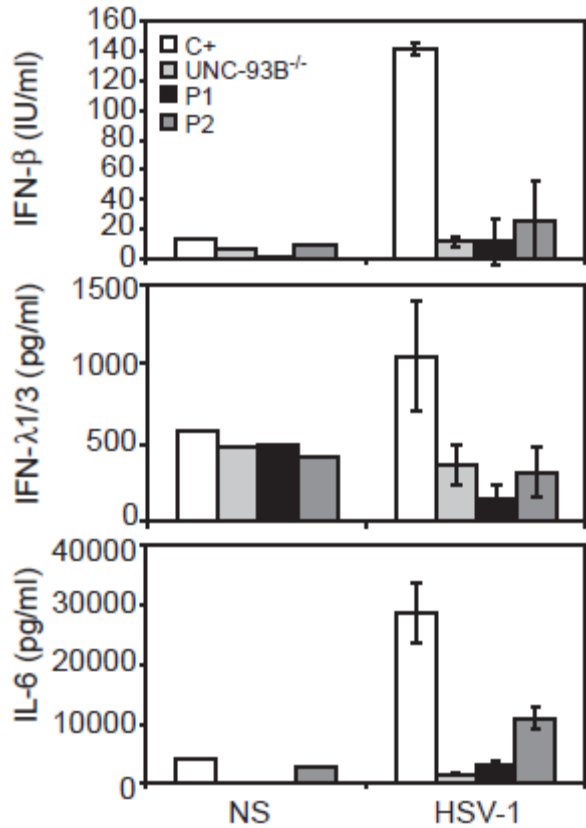
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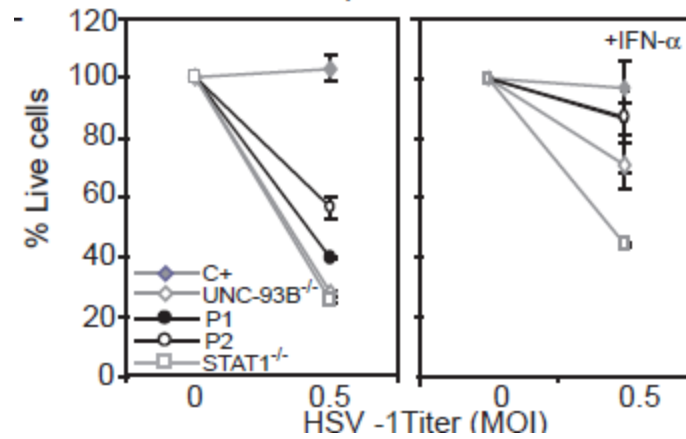
HSV-1 Infection

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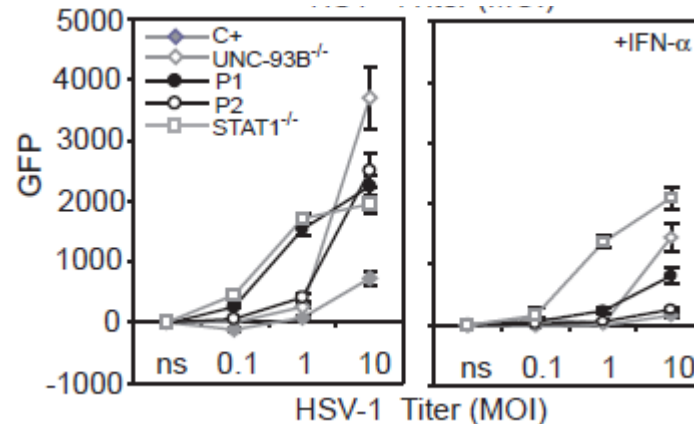
Cytokine



Cellular Mortality



Viral Replication

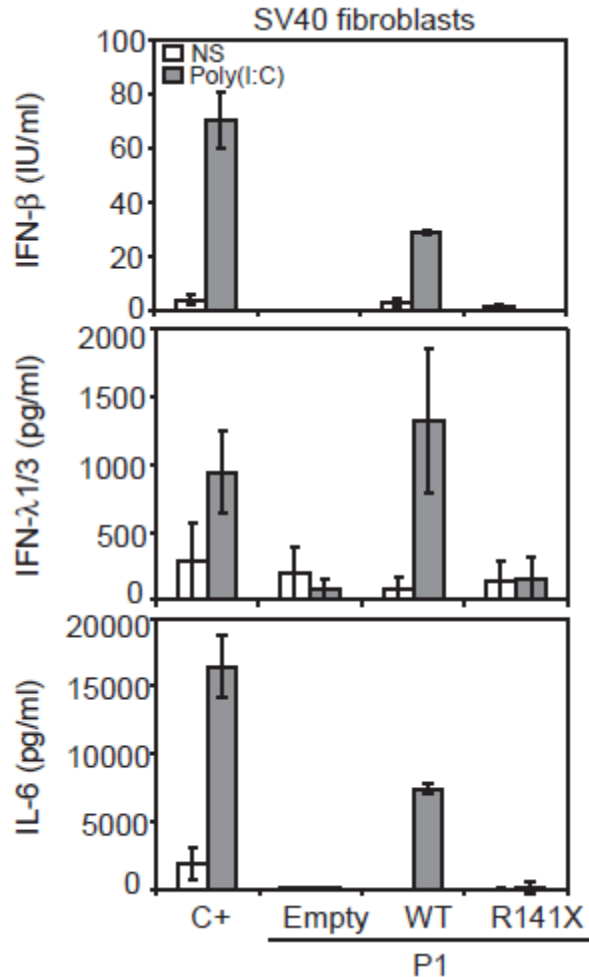


Susceptible to HSV1 due to lack of IFN production

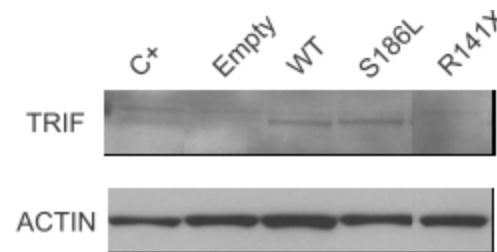
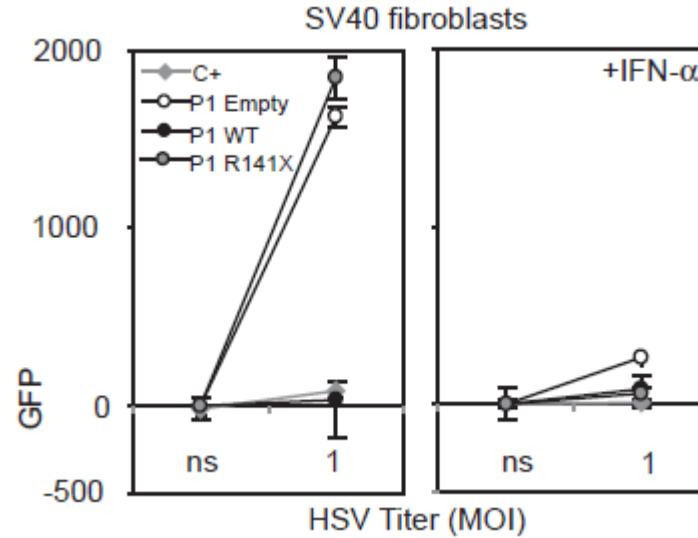
Retroviral transfection R141X

P1 SV40 Fibroblasts

Poly:I:C

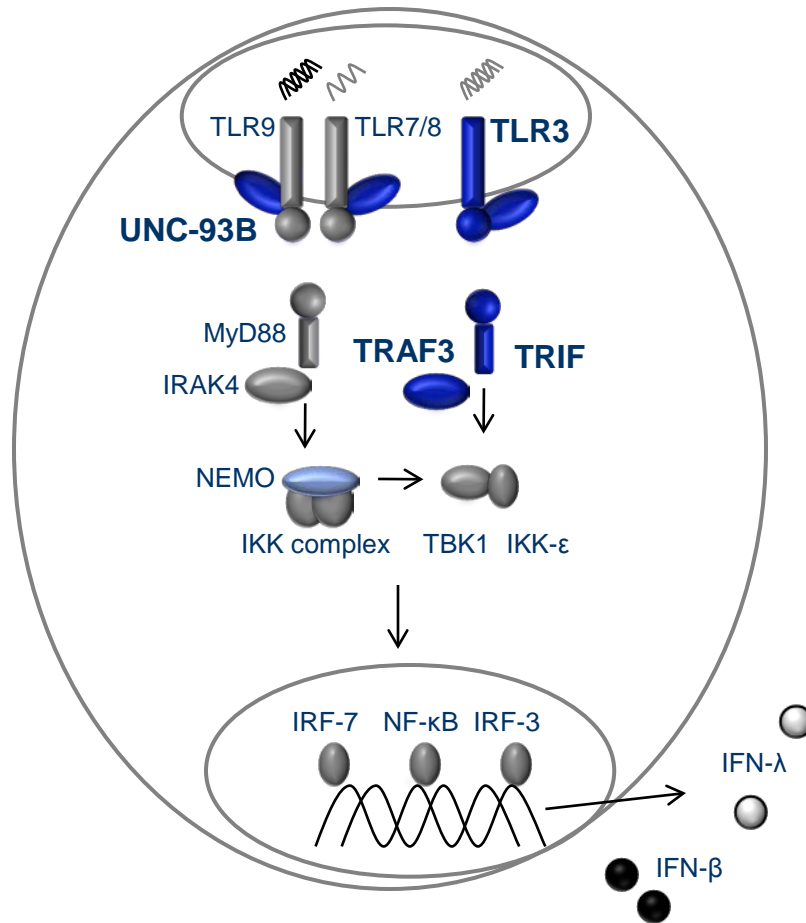


HSV1 Replication



WT TRIF complements P1's cells
R141X is a null allele

TLR3-IFN deficiencies and HSE



AR UNC93B
 AR & AD TLR3
 AR & AD TRIF
 AD TRAF3

Narrow defects in antiviral IFNs
 (UNC93B, TLR3, TRAF3 and TRIF)

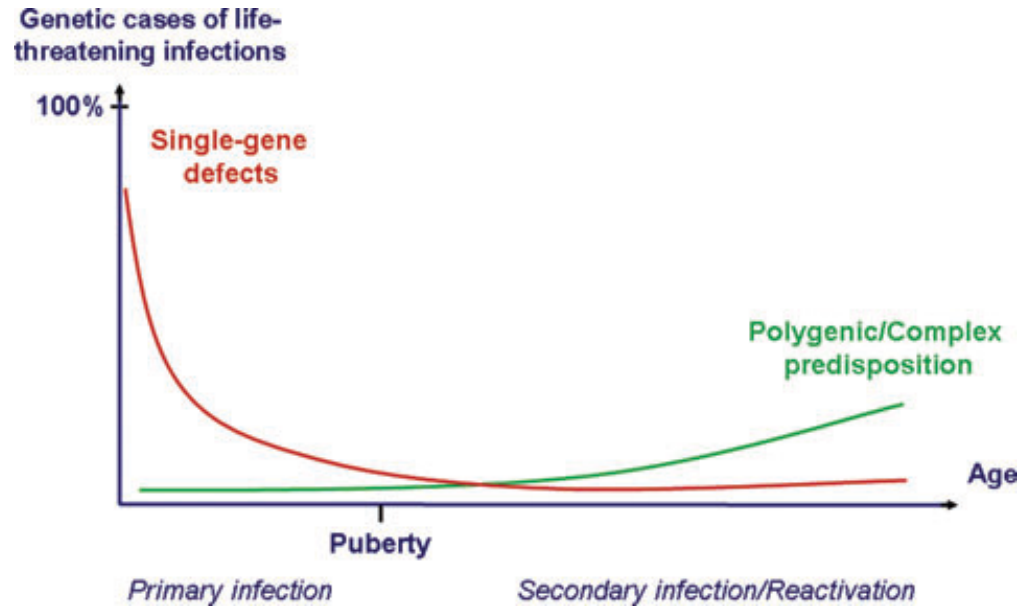
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 Single viral infection HSE

Incomplete penetrance

The host has evolved towards maximizing detection of HSV-1 in the CNS where infections are potentially lethal.

Conclusions

Inborn errors of immunity underlying infectious diseases



Life threatening infectious disease in childhood, due to primary infection, result from individually rare single-gene variations of variable clinical penetrance

- conventional PIDs
(one gene, multiple infections)
- Nonconventional or 'novel' PIDs
(one gene, one infection)

Secondary or reactivation infections in adults is more complex