

*Consensus Help Human Early Life Prevention*

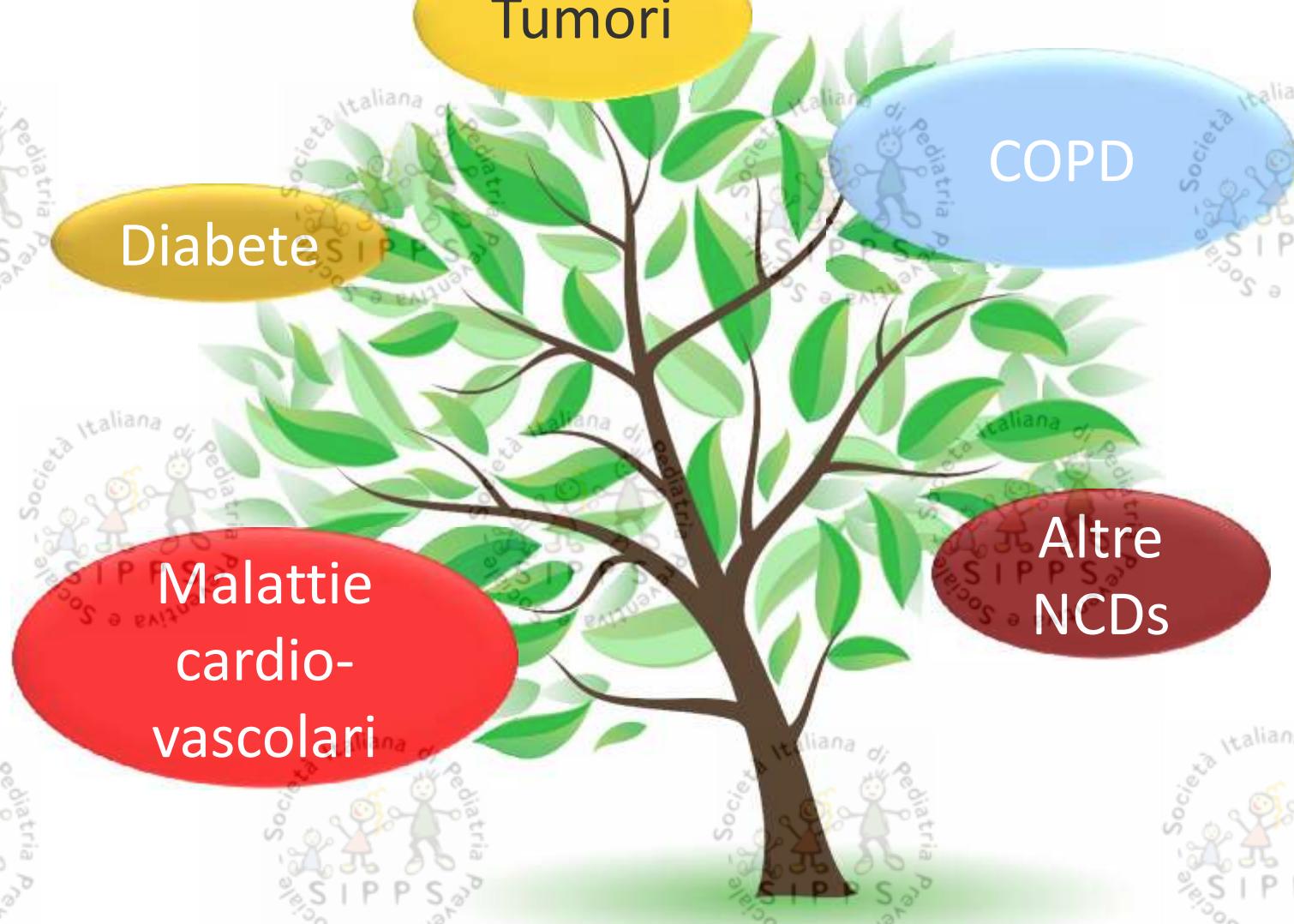
# Dal preconcepimento ai primi 24 mesi di vita

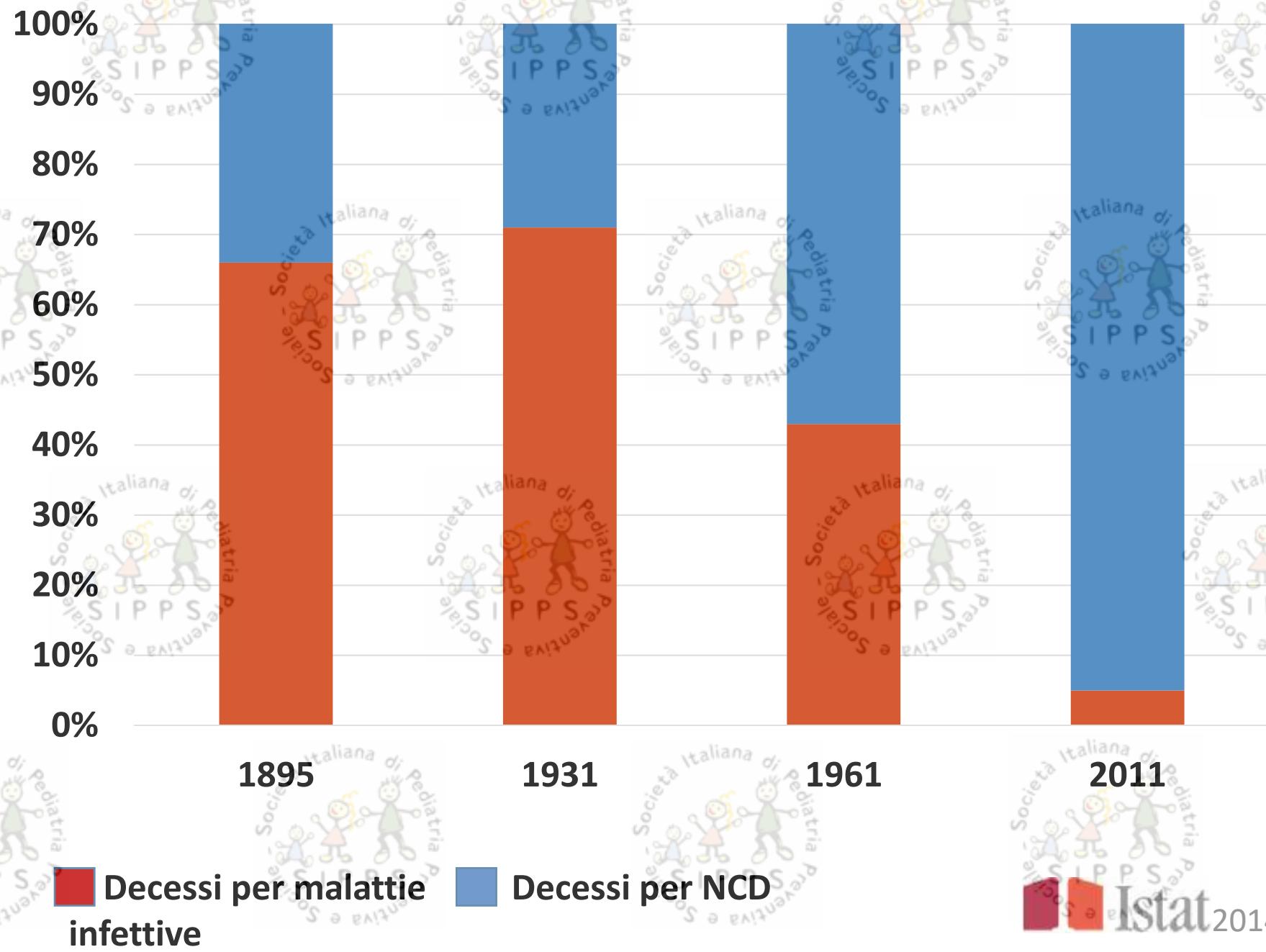
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*Le Nuove Sfide della Pedietria*  
Caserta, 2 Marzo 2017





# Mortalità globale per NCDs nel 2012\*

**Popolazione globale**

**6.7 miliardi (+ 5.8%)**

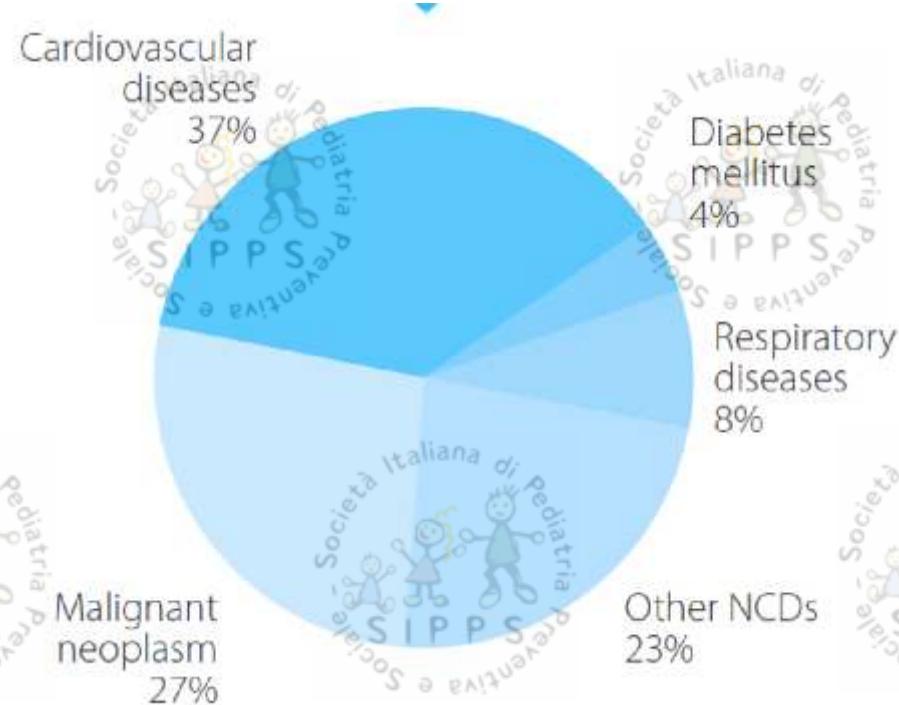
**Mortalità globale**

**58 milioni (+ 1.7%)**

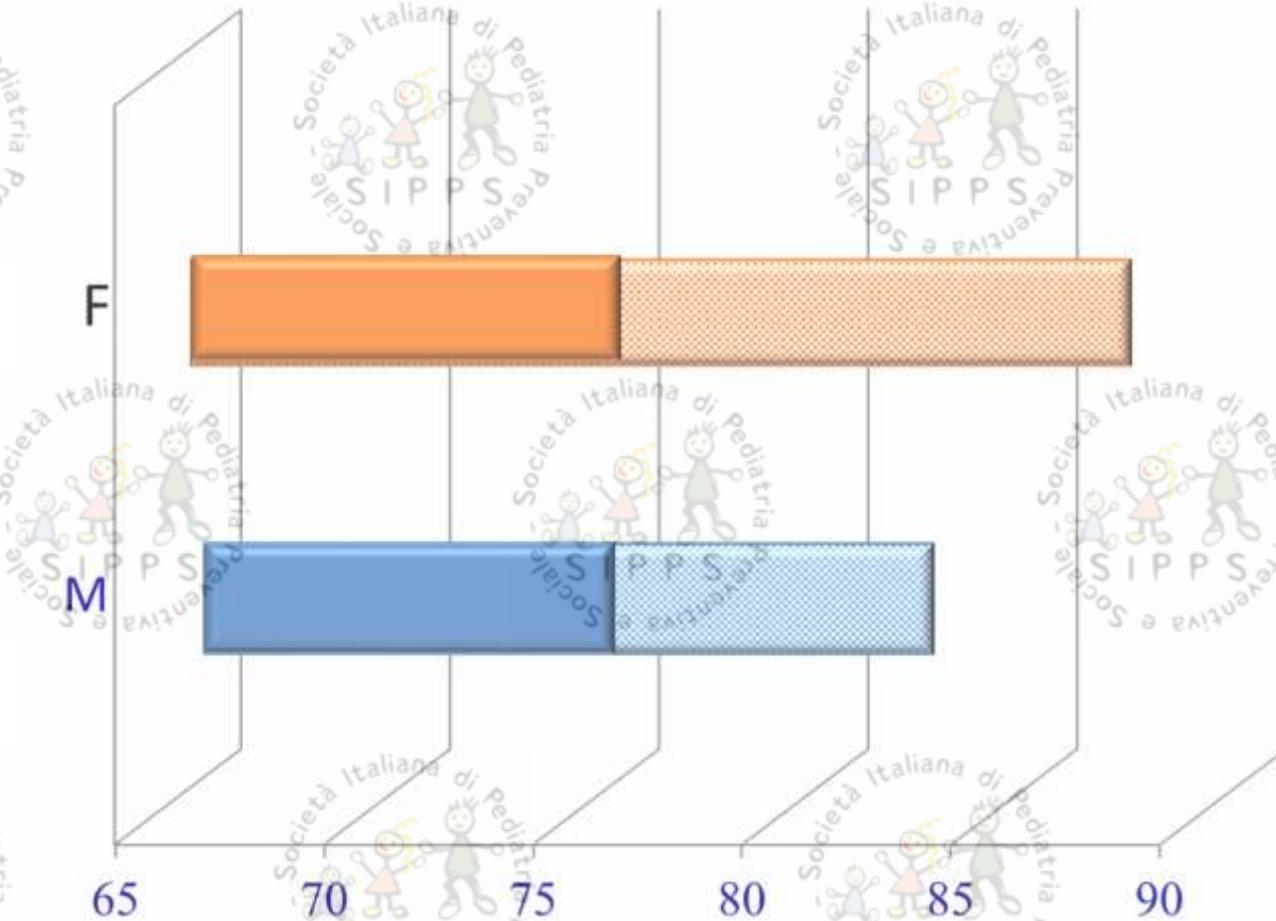
**Mortalità per NCDs**

**38 milioni (68%)**

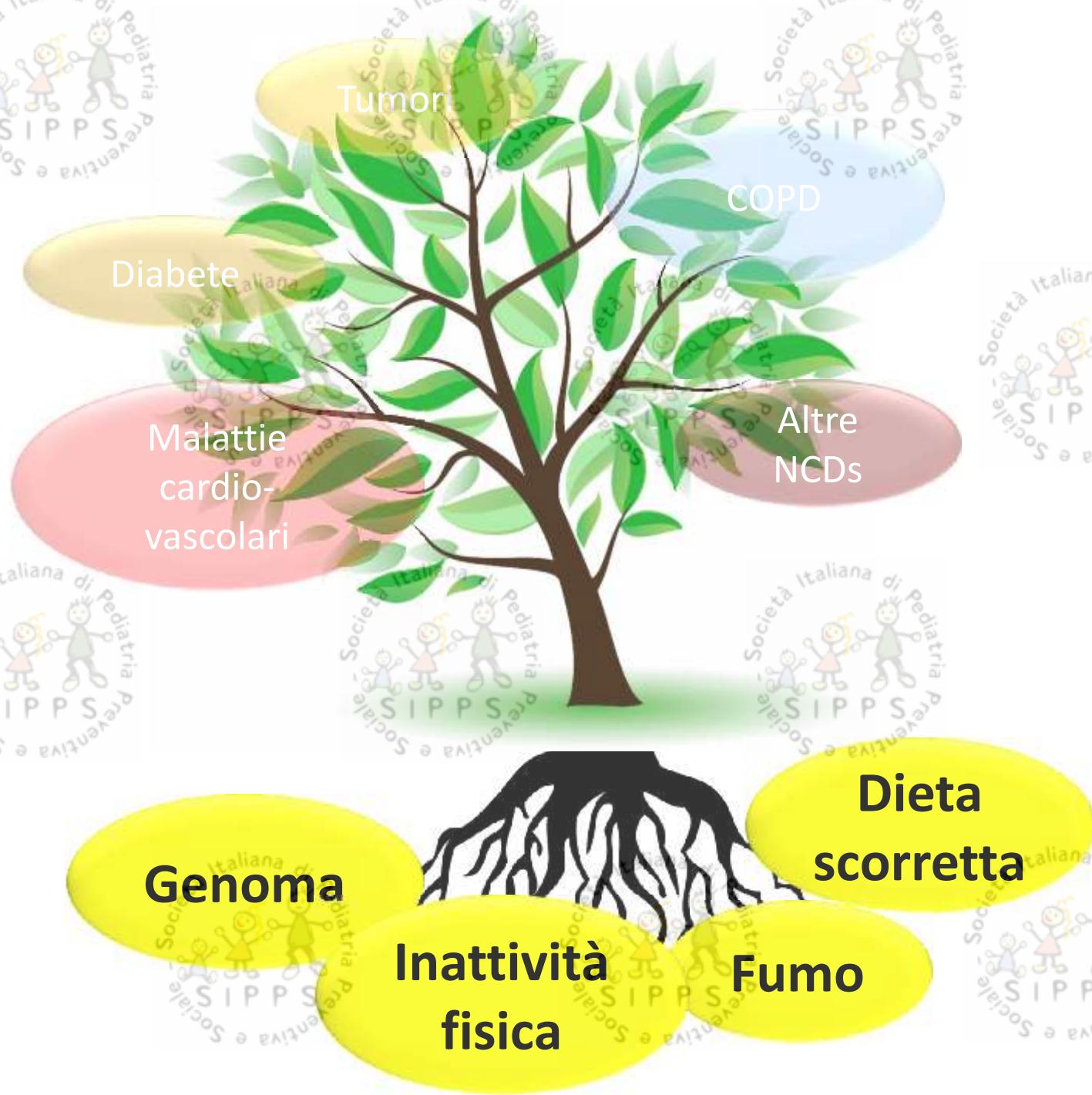
\* WHO, 2017



# EU 28, 2012: anni di vita in salute( ■, □) e aspettativa di vita (■, □ ) all'età di 65 anni \*\*



\*\* Eurostat 2014



# *Homo sapiens*

**First  
use  
of fire**

**5 Million**

**4 Million**

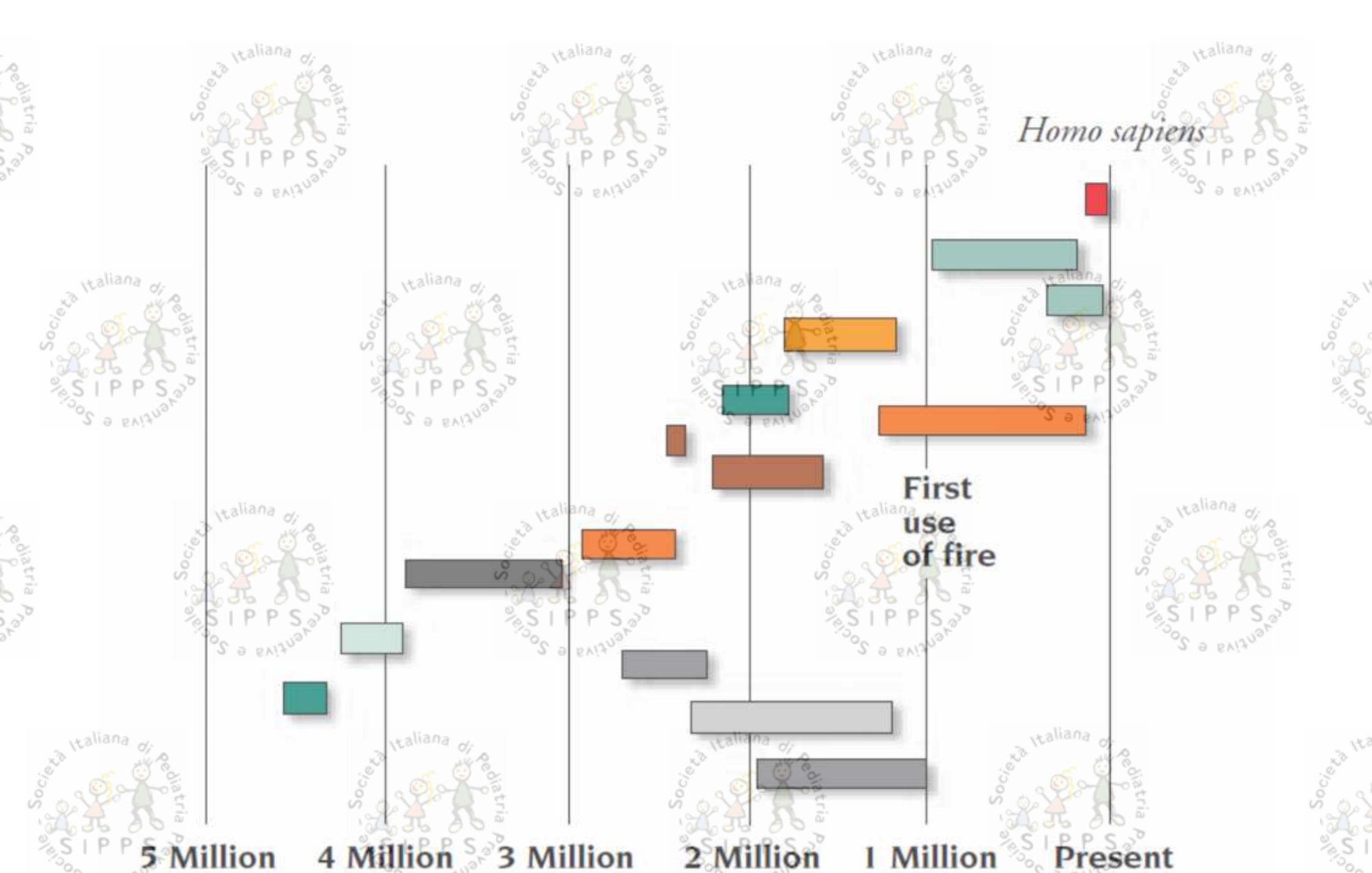
**3 Million**

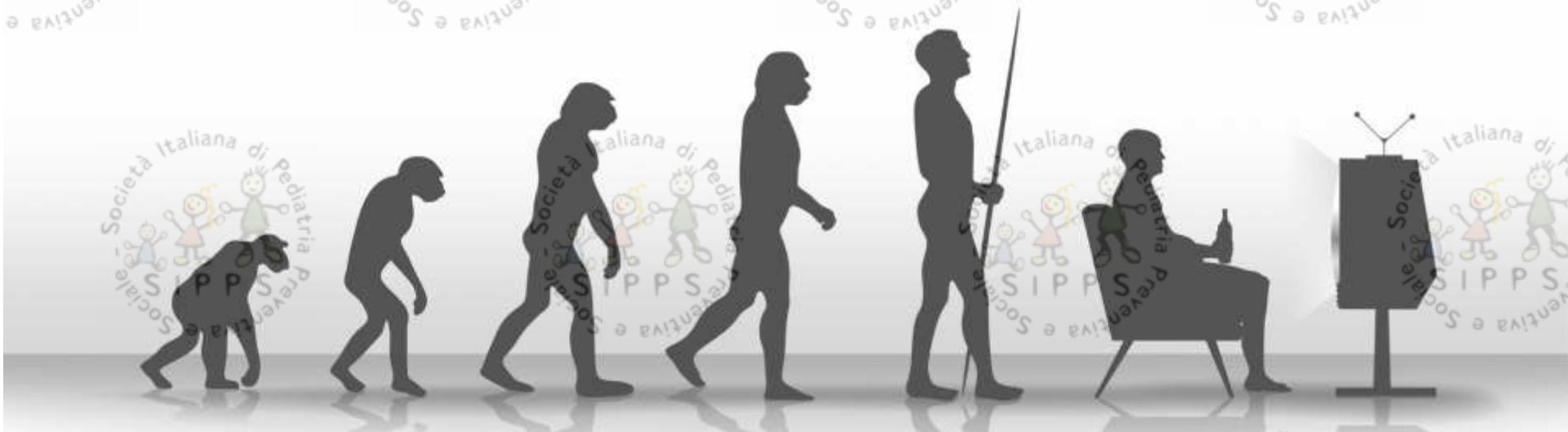
**2 Million**

**1 Million**

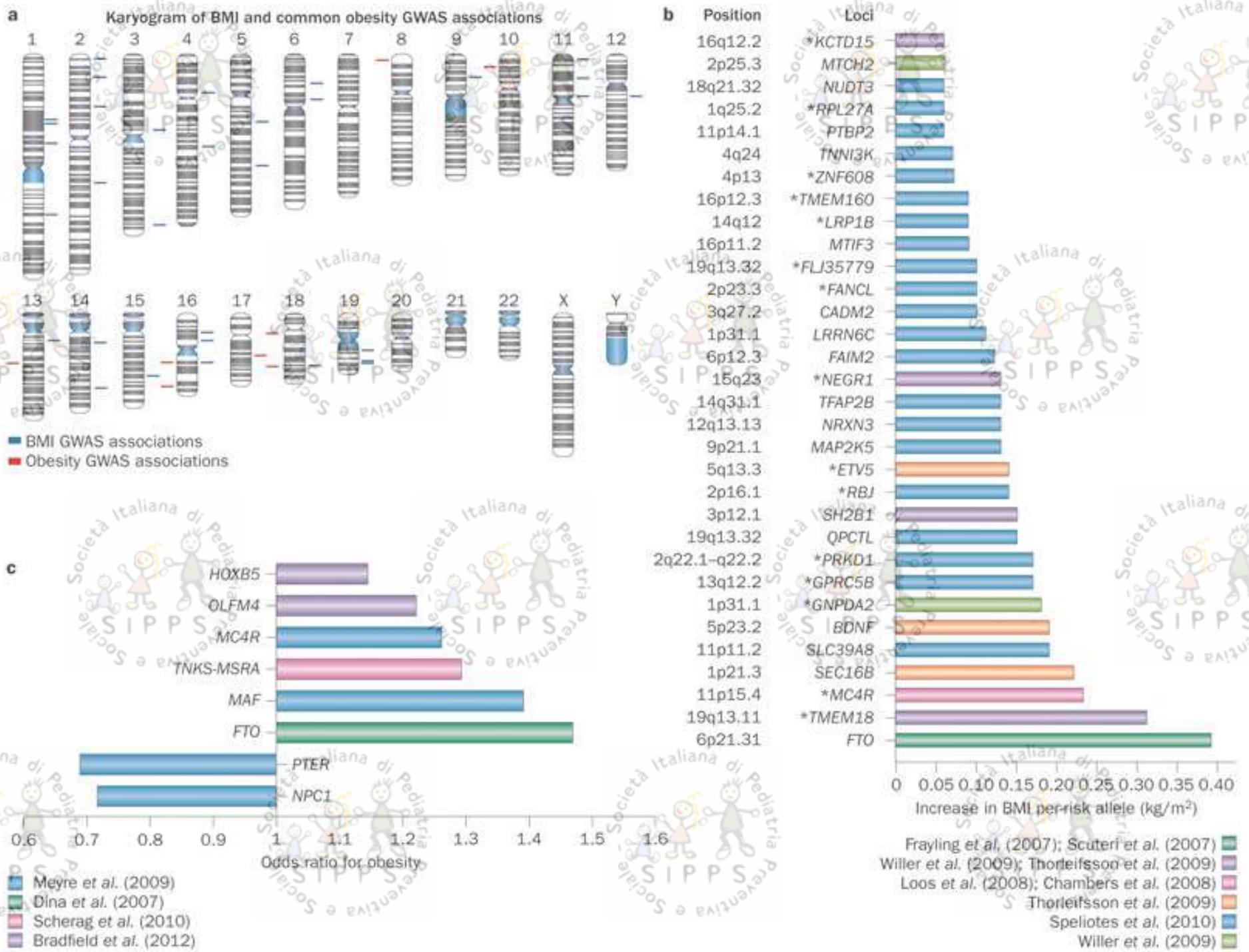
**Present**

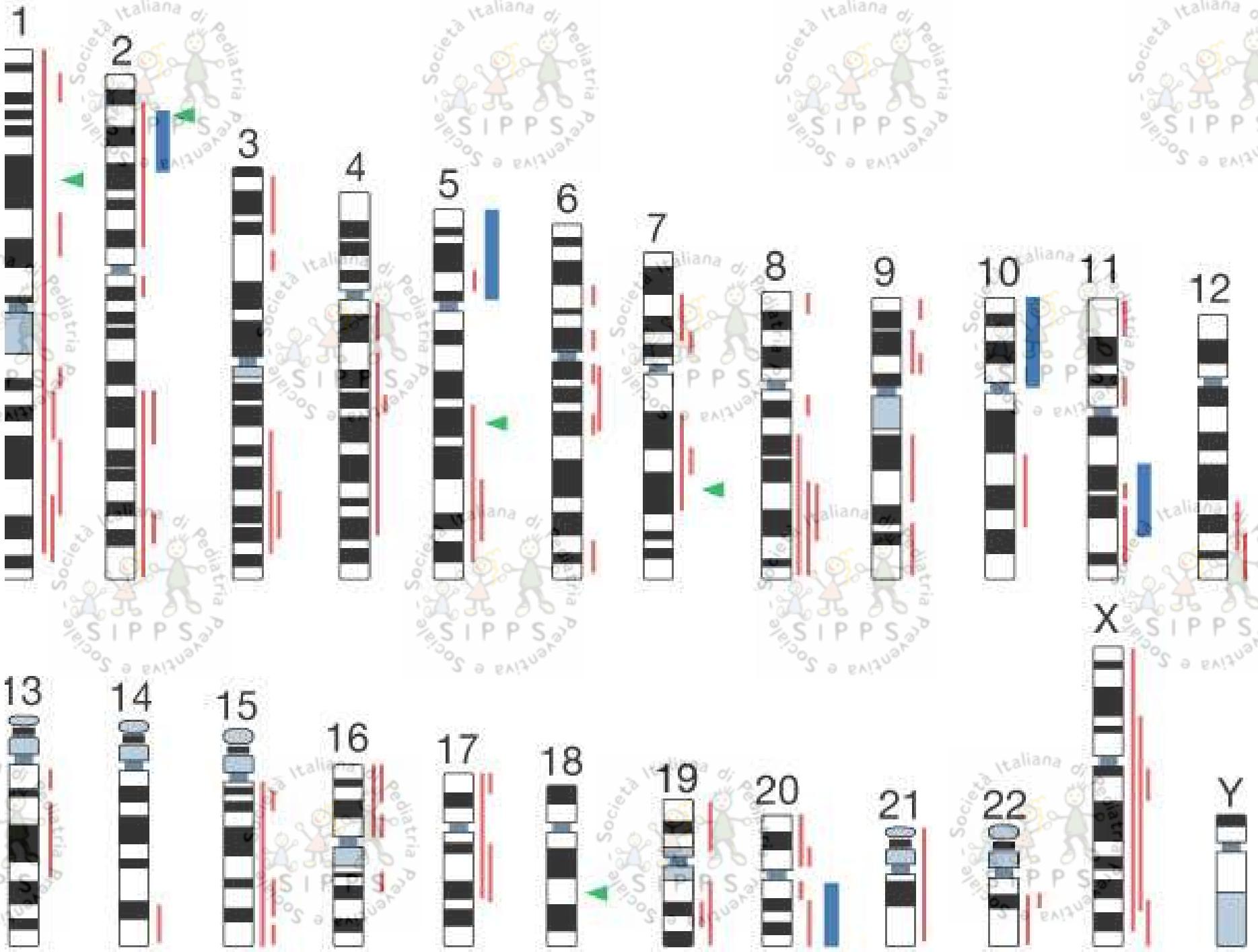
Hall A. S., 2004

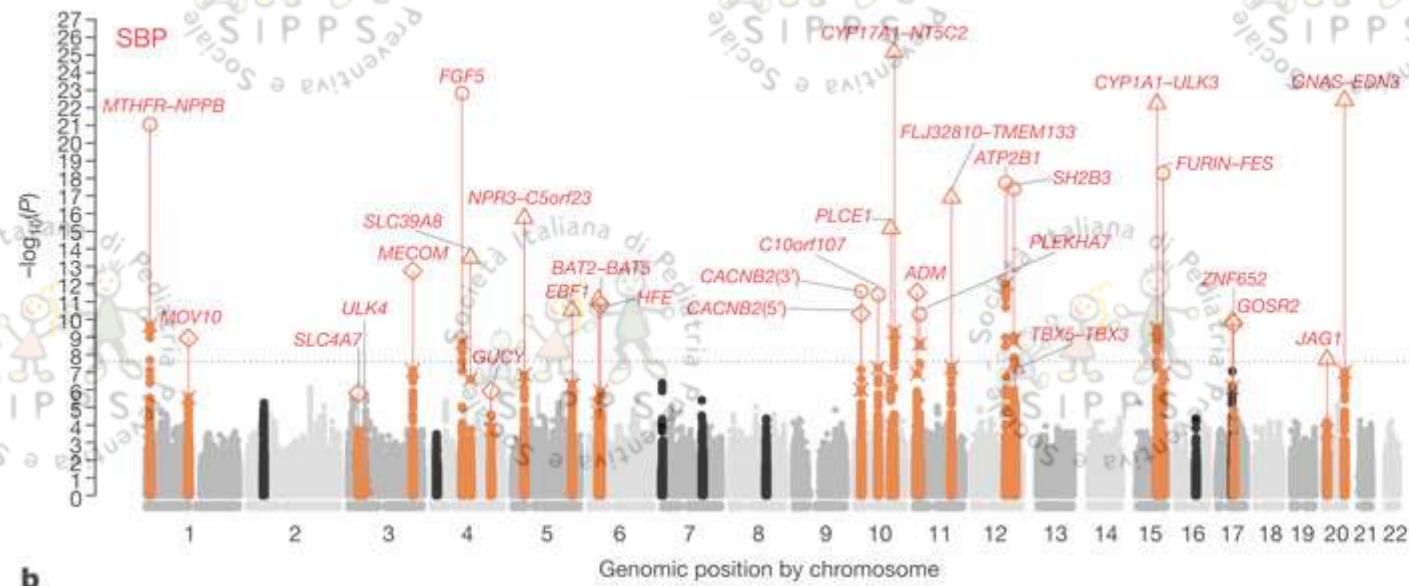
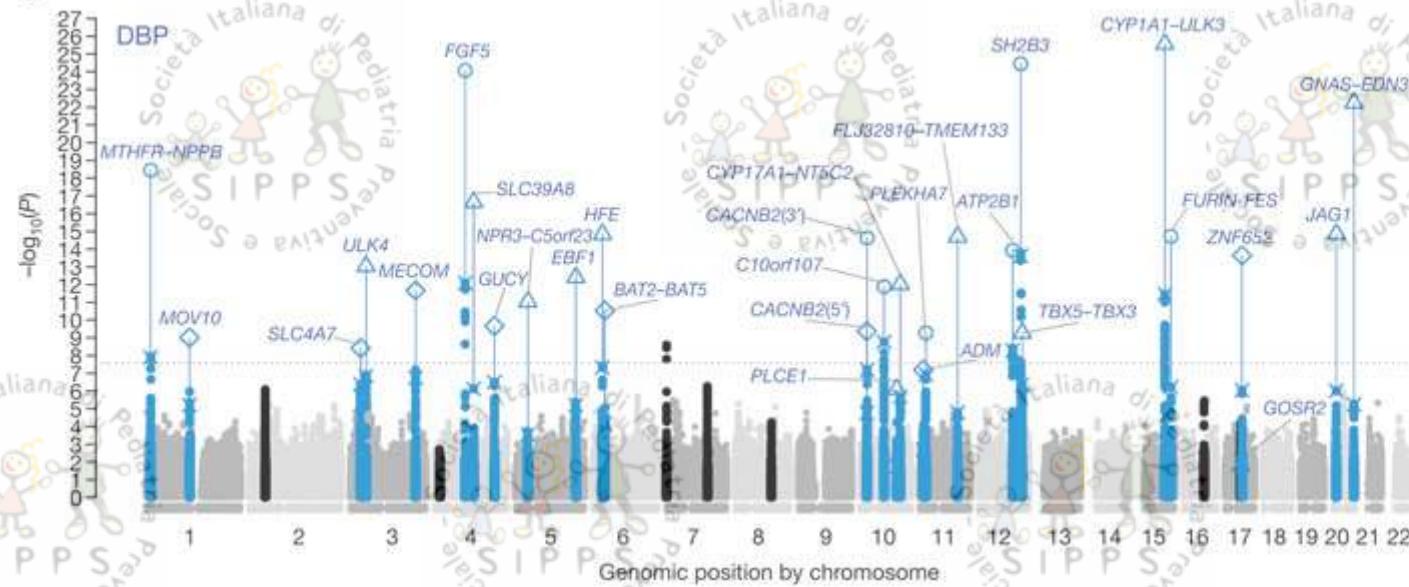
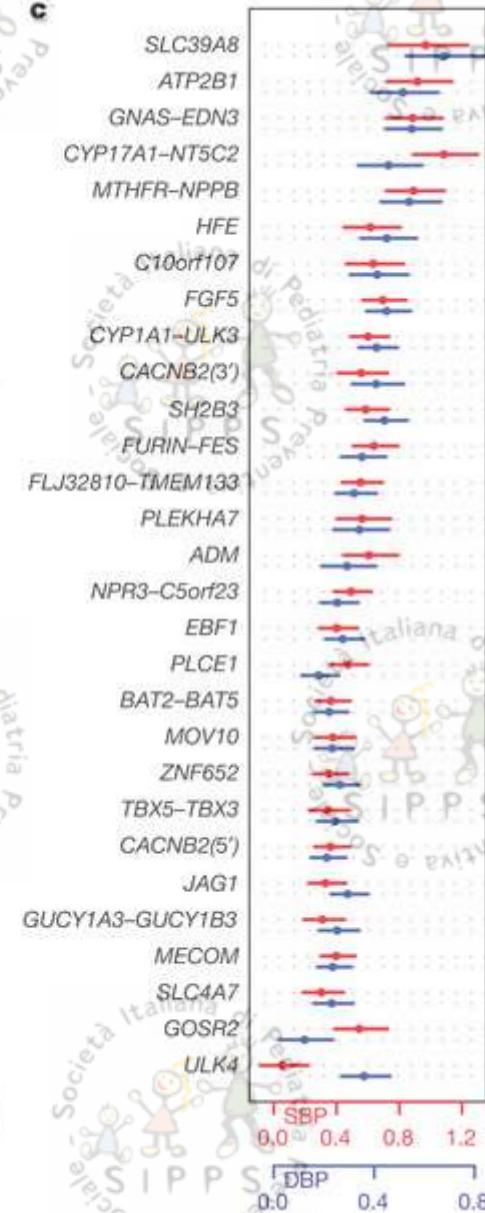




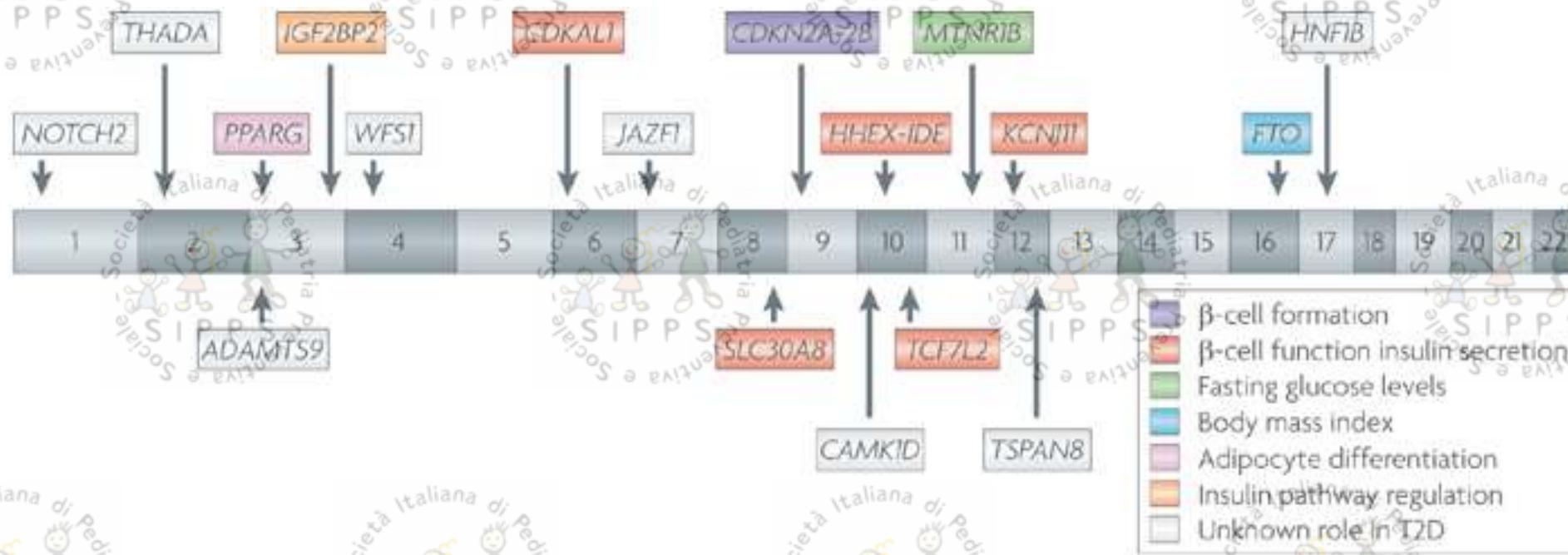
**“...adult obesity and its complications  
are largely a function of inherited  
genetic susceptibility plus individual  
choice in lifestyle.”**





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# Genome-wide association studies (GWAS): 18 genomic intervals confer increased risk to T2D in Caucasians



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Frazer K. A. et Al., 2009

# La carestia del 1944-45 in Olanda

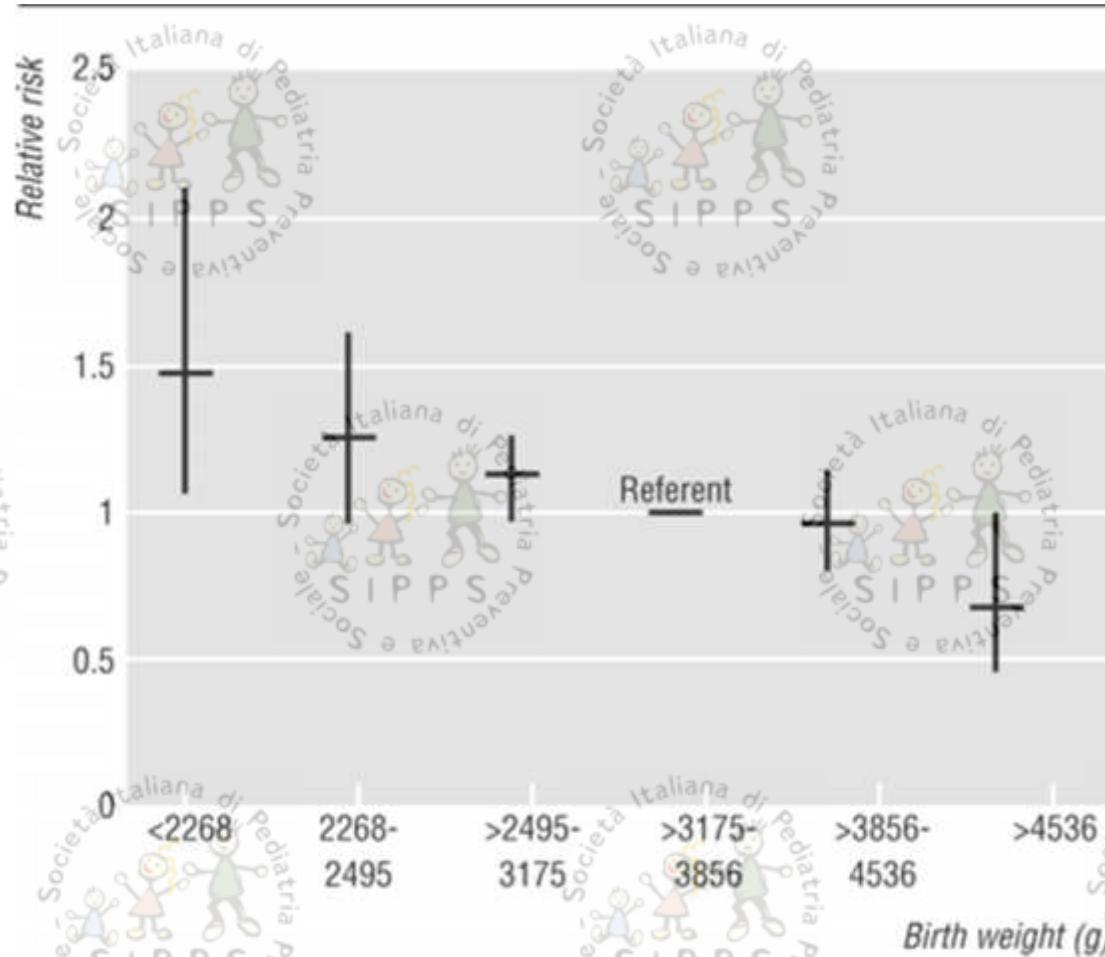
Inverno 1944-45

2003



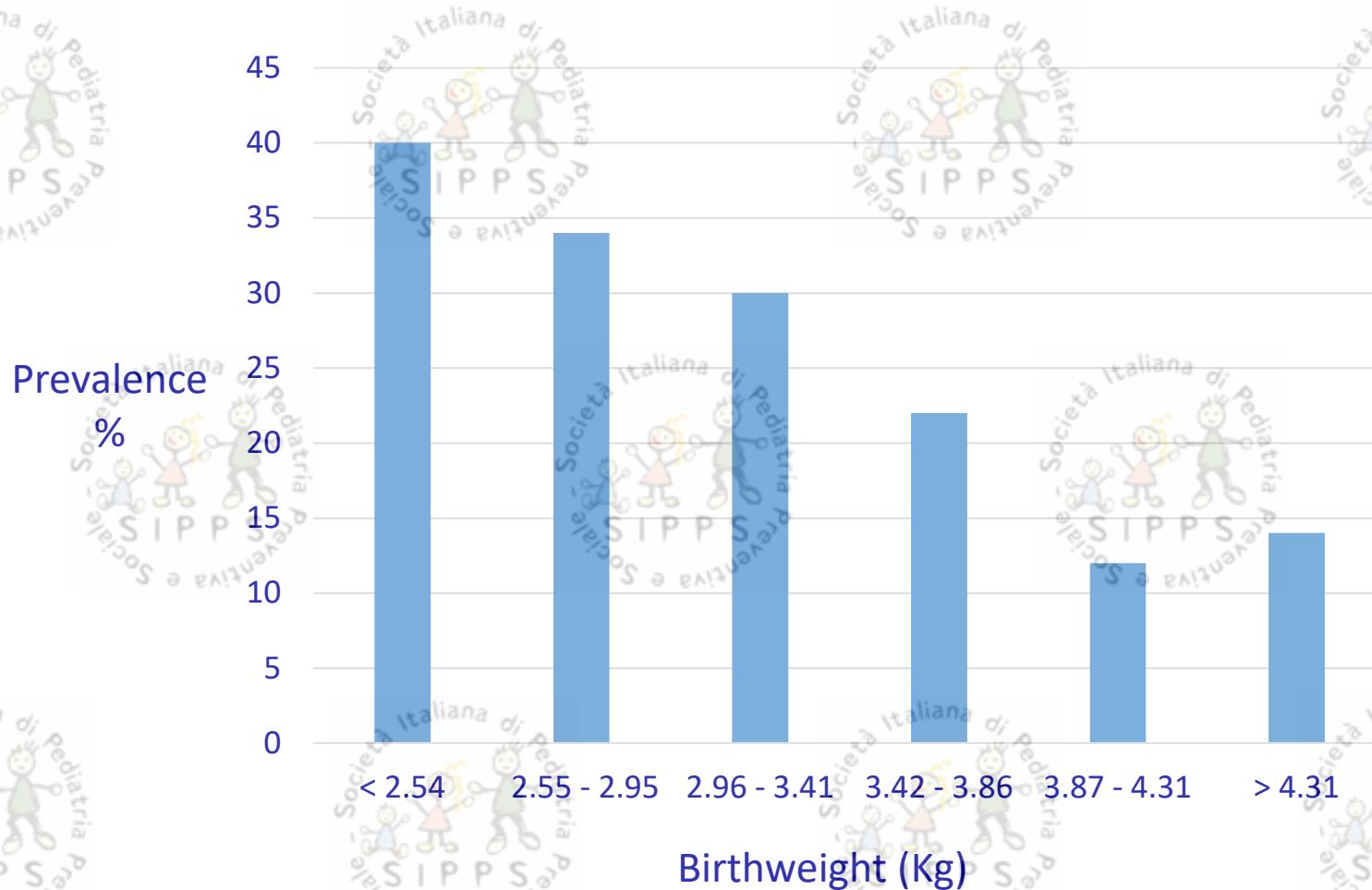
Elevata prevalenza di  
sindrome metabolica,  
sovrapeso, malattie  
cardiovascolari e diabete  
di tipo 2

# Relative risk for non-fatal cardiovascular disease among 70.297 women aged 46 to 71.



Rich-Edwards J.W. Et al, 1997

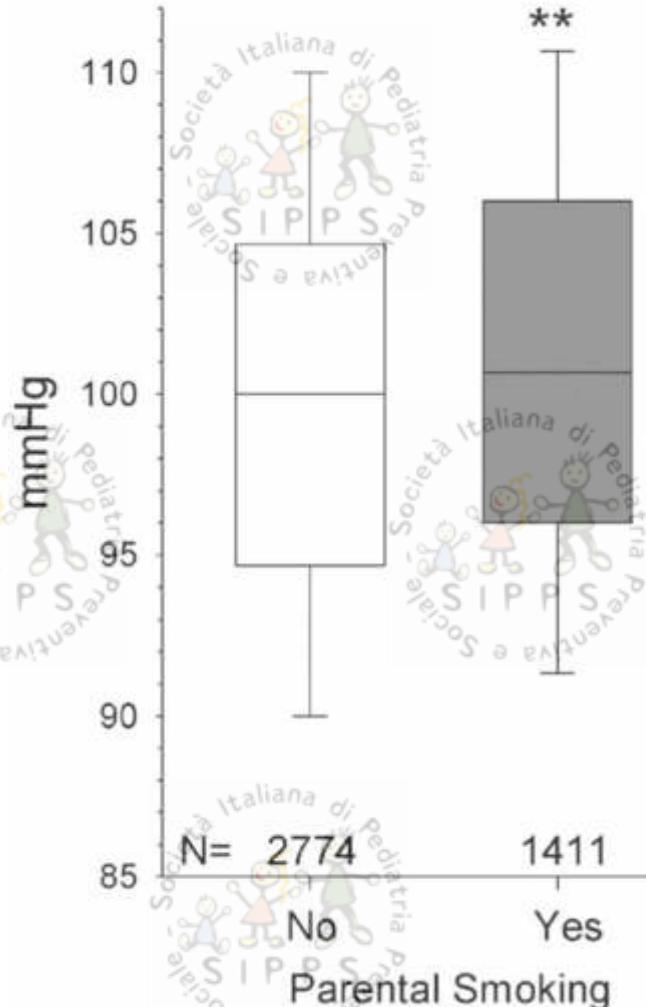
# Prevalence of NIDDM and impaired glucose tolerance in 370 men aged 59-70 years



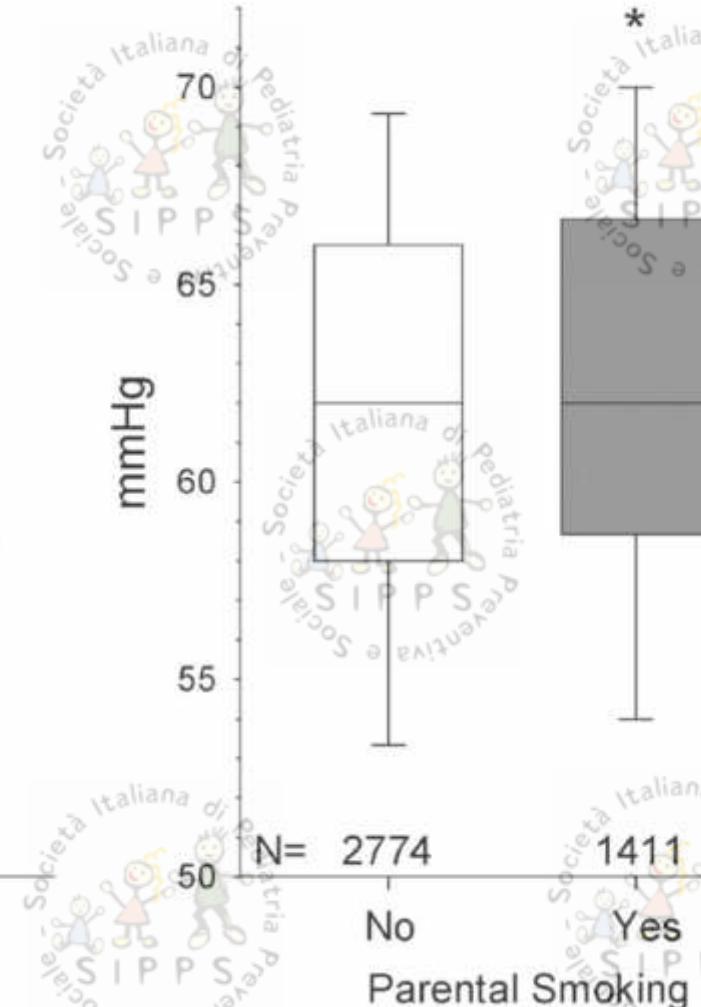
Godfrey K.M., 1998

# Influence of parental smoking on BP in preschool children

Systolic BP

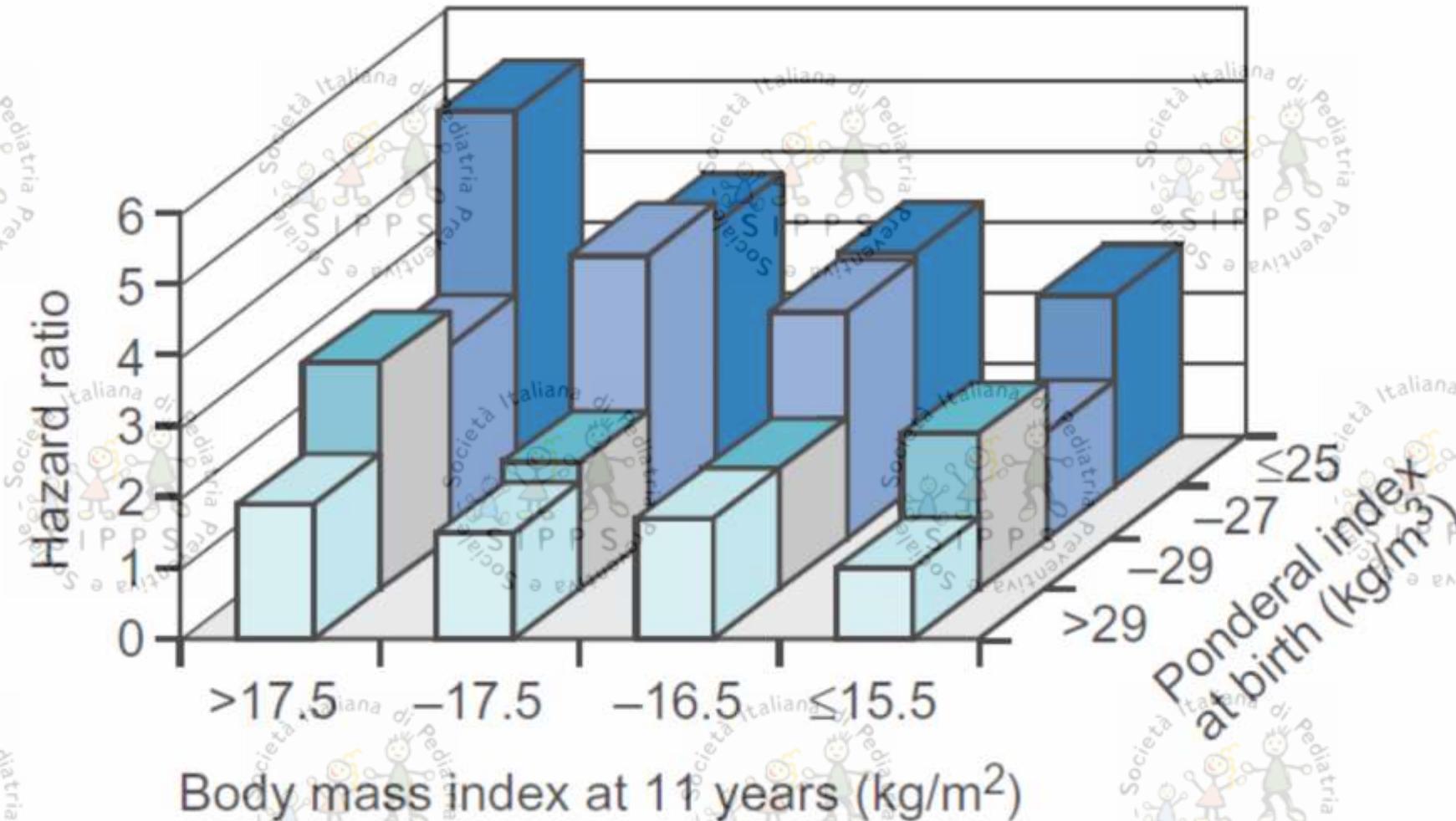


Diastolic BP



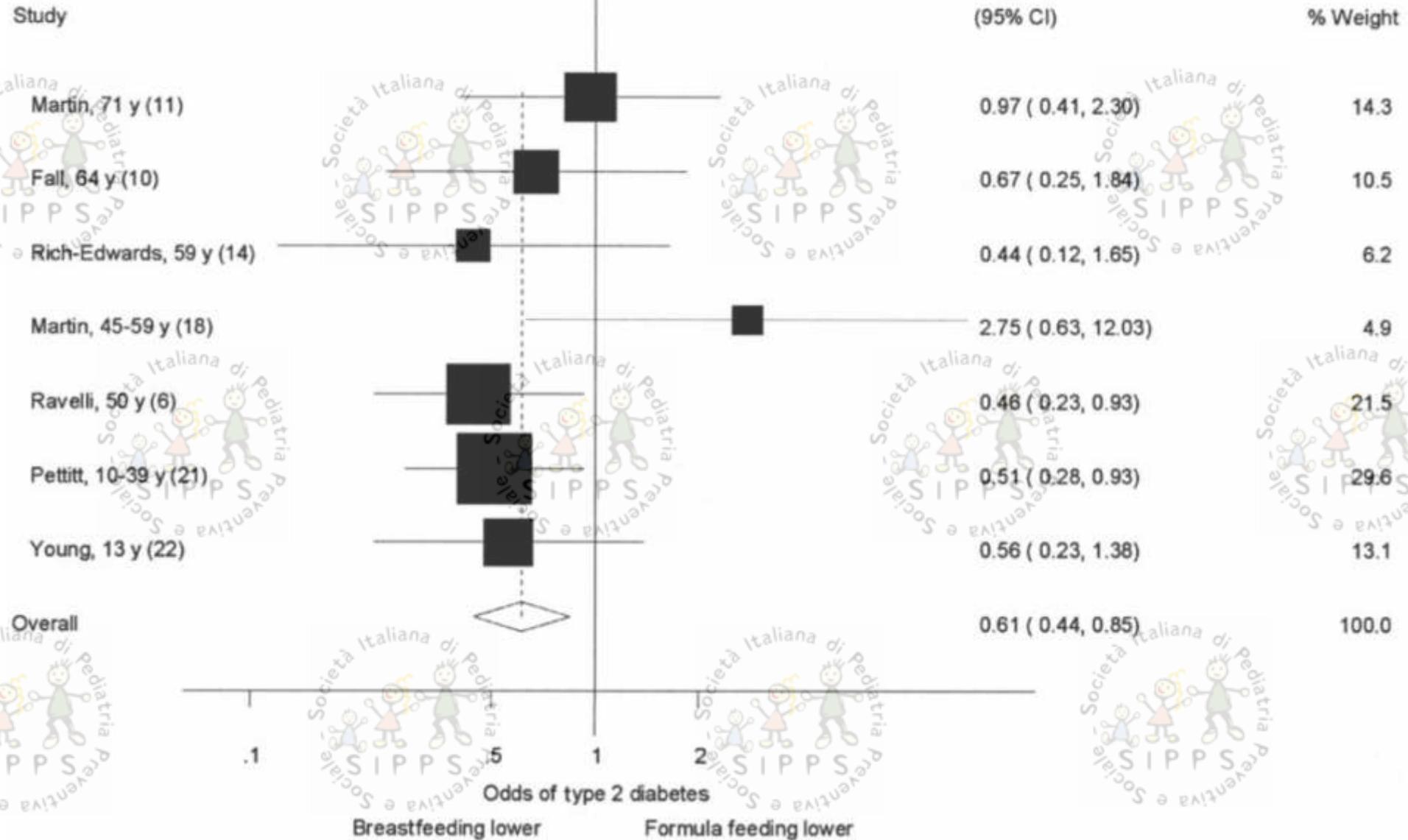
Simonetti G. D. et al, 2011

# Hazard ratio for CHD among Finnish men of the HBCS

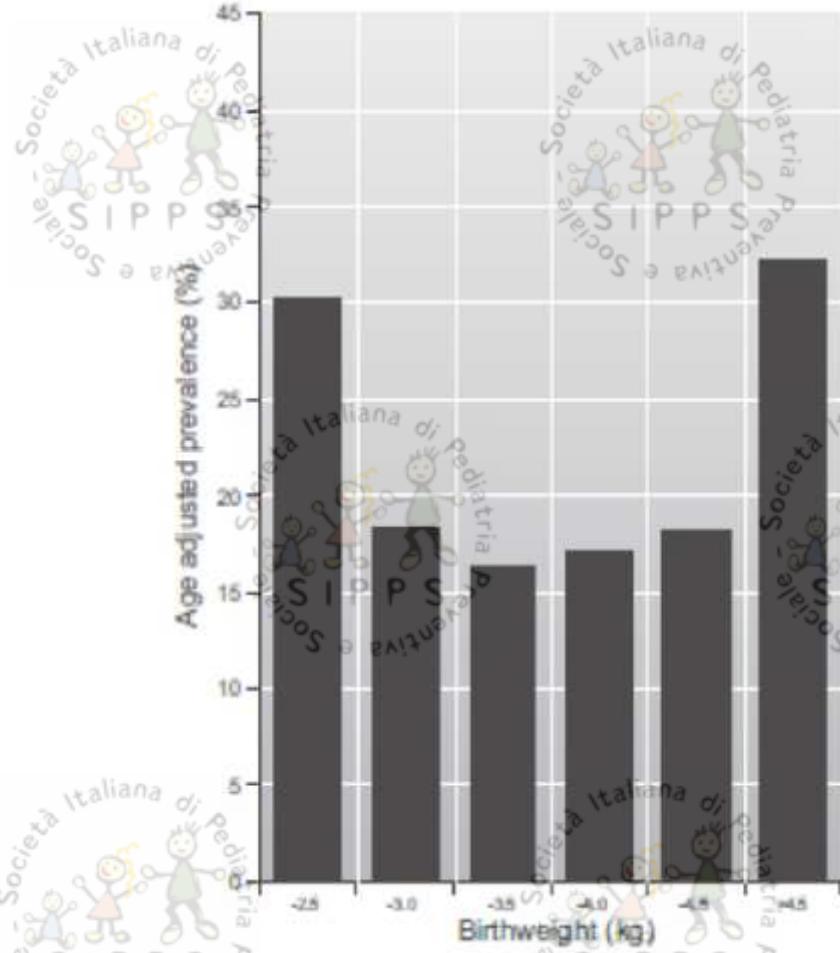


Eriksson J. G., 2016

# Diabetes and breast feeding

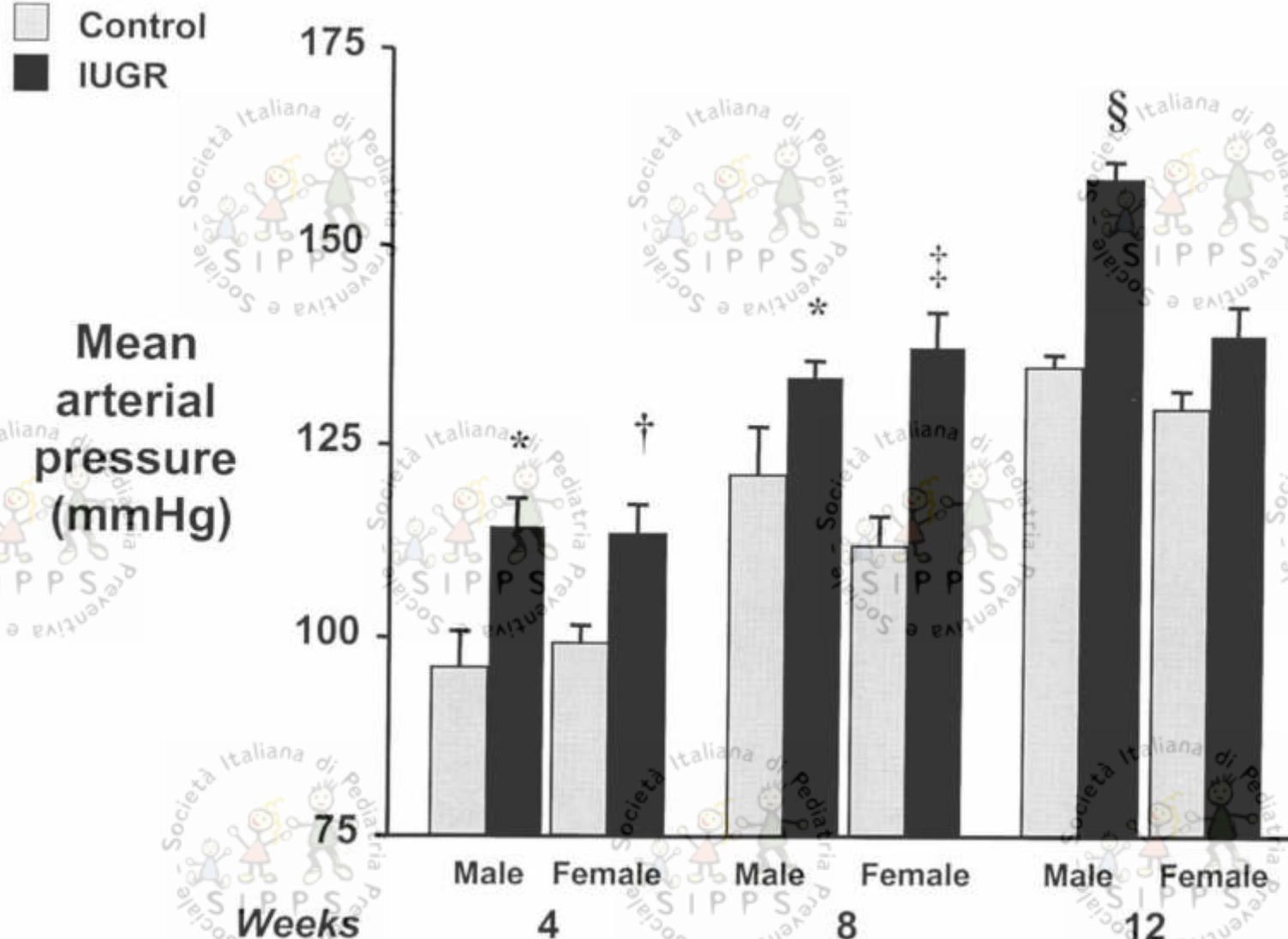


# Prevalence of T2D in 1179 Pima Indians (age 20-39 yrs.) in relation to birthweight



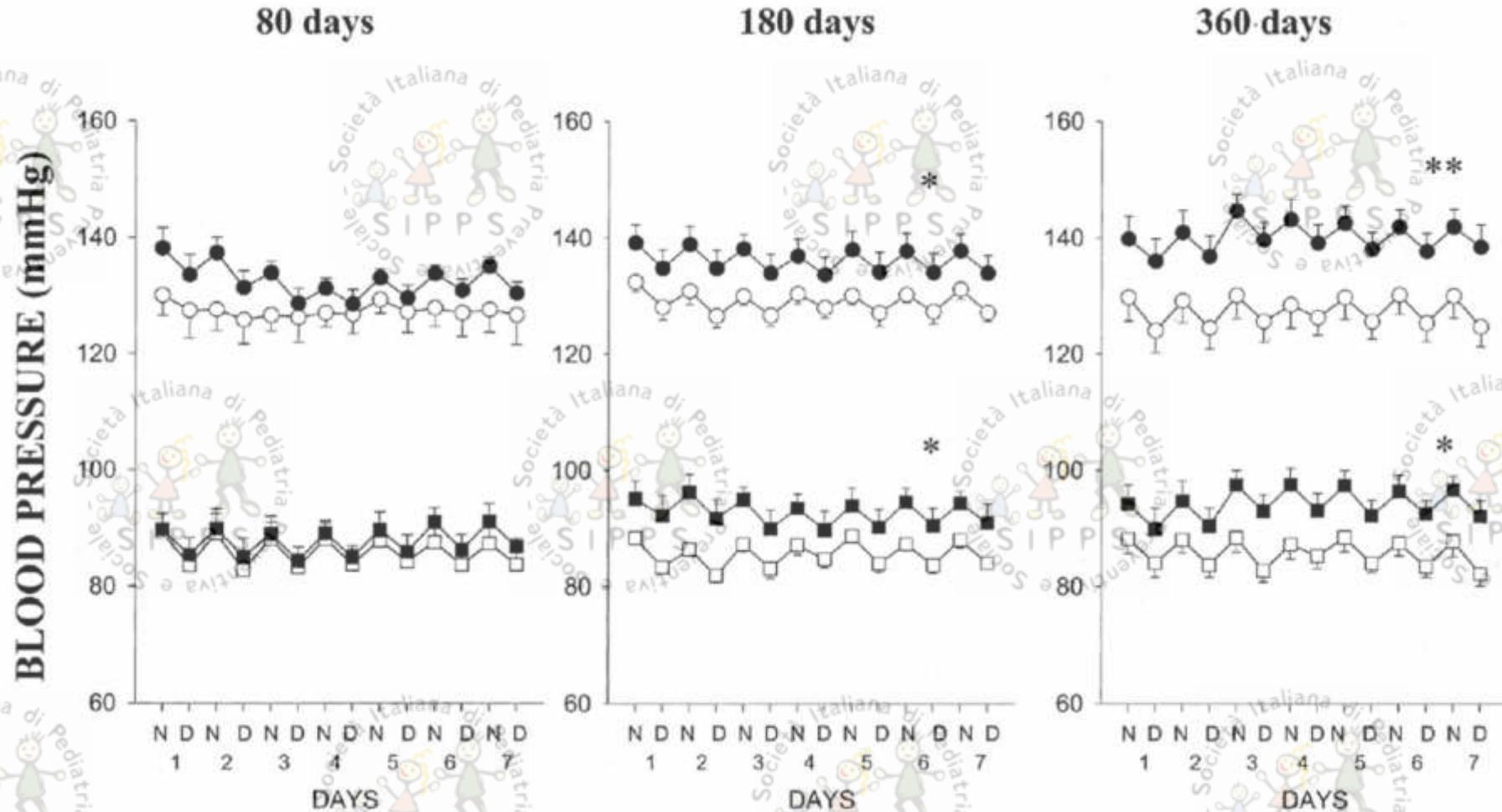
McCance D. R. et al., 2000

# MAP in rat models of IUGR induced by reduced uterine perfusion at 4, 8 and 12 weeks of age.



Alexander B. et al, 2015

# Systolic and diastolic blood pressure in offspring of lard-fed dams at 80, 180 and 360 days of age.



Alexander B. et al, 2015

# DOHaD

## Developmental Origin of Health and Disease

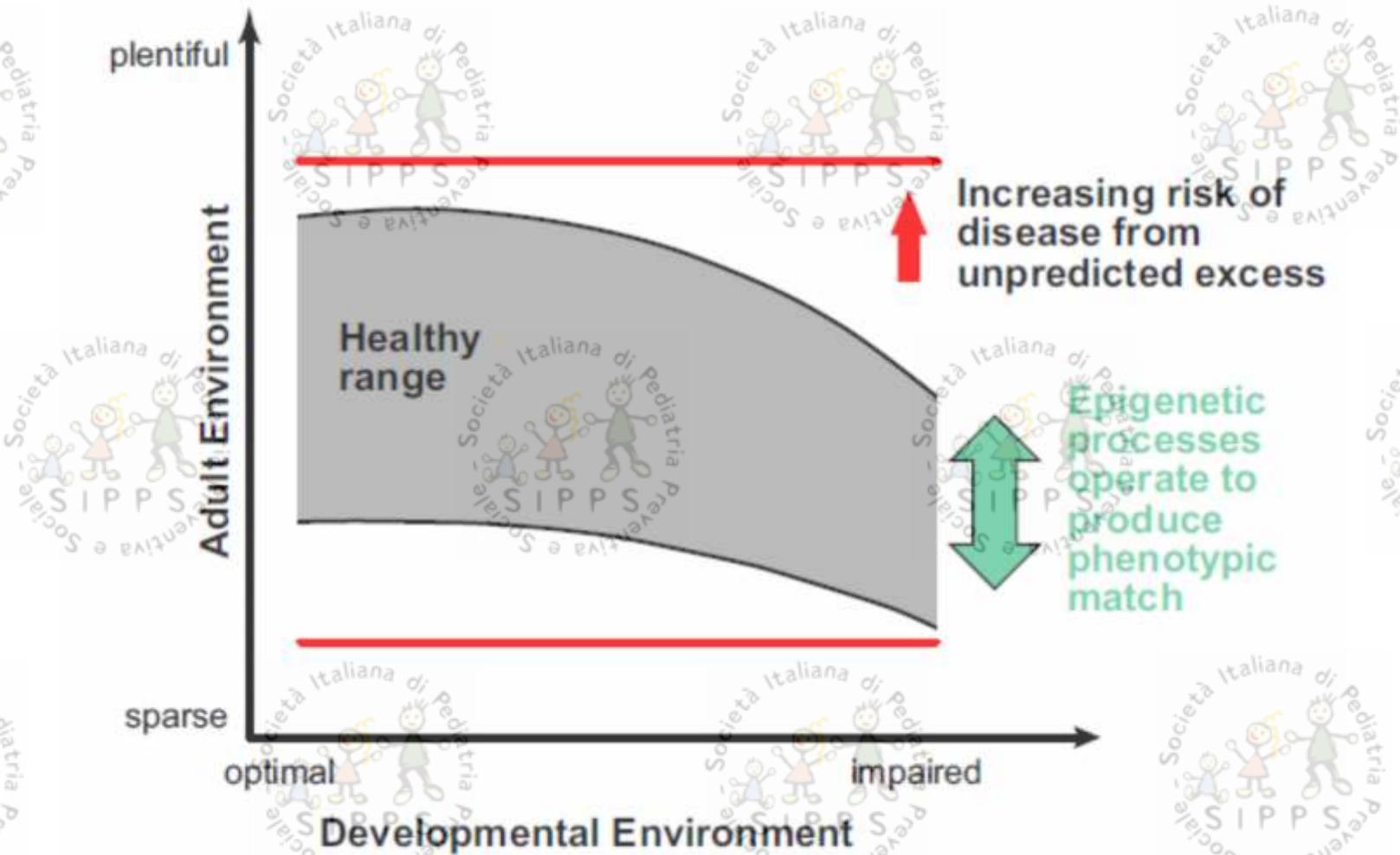
**Developmental plasticity**

**Predictive Adaptive Responses (PAR)**

**Developmental disruption**

**Immediate Adaptive Responses (IAR)**

# Rischio di NCD in rapporto alle disponibilità nutritive dell'ambiente



Hanson M. A., Gluckman P. D., 2014

# Condizioni evoluzionisticamente nuove che inducono «lacerazione dell'ontogenesi»

Obesità dei genitori

GDM

Nascita pretermine

Diabete di tipo 1 o 2

Fumo di sigaretta

Esposizione a tossine ambientali

Ipernutrizione del lattante

Il vantaggio conferito dalle PAR è evoluzionistico  
e deve quindi manifestarsi nel bambino e nel  
giovane adulto.

Può trasformarsi in svantaggio (aumentato  
rischio di andare incontro a malattia) una volta  
superata l'età riproduttiva.

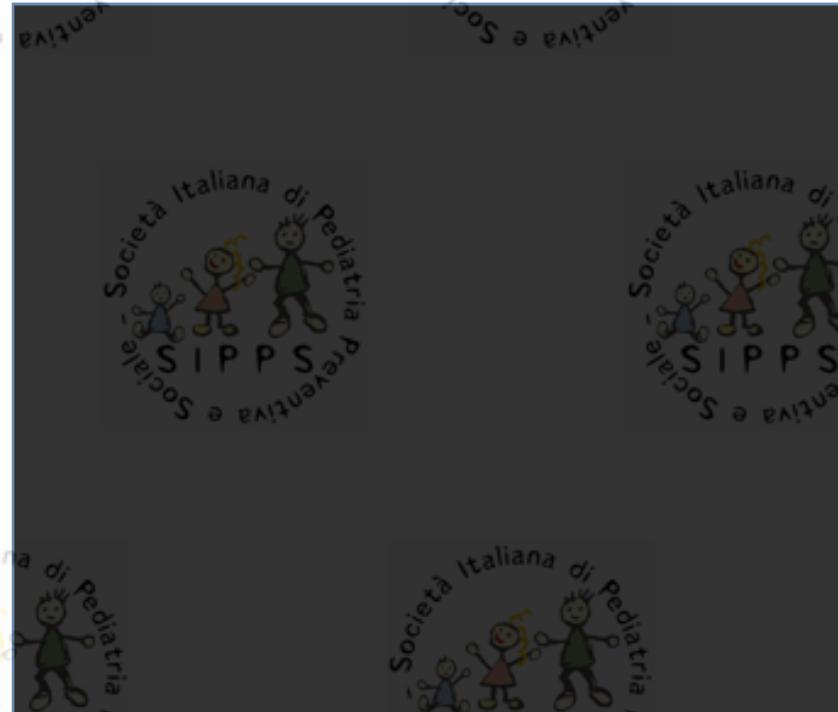
« La fase plastica dell'ontogenesi umana si estende dal concepimento fino allo svezzamento, periodo che in epoche premoderne durava almeno per i primi 2-3 anni di vita post-natale. »

Gluckman P.D., Hanson M. A. and Buklijas T., 2010

# I primi mille giorni



**LBW**



**NCDs**





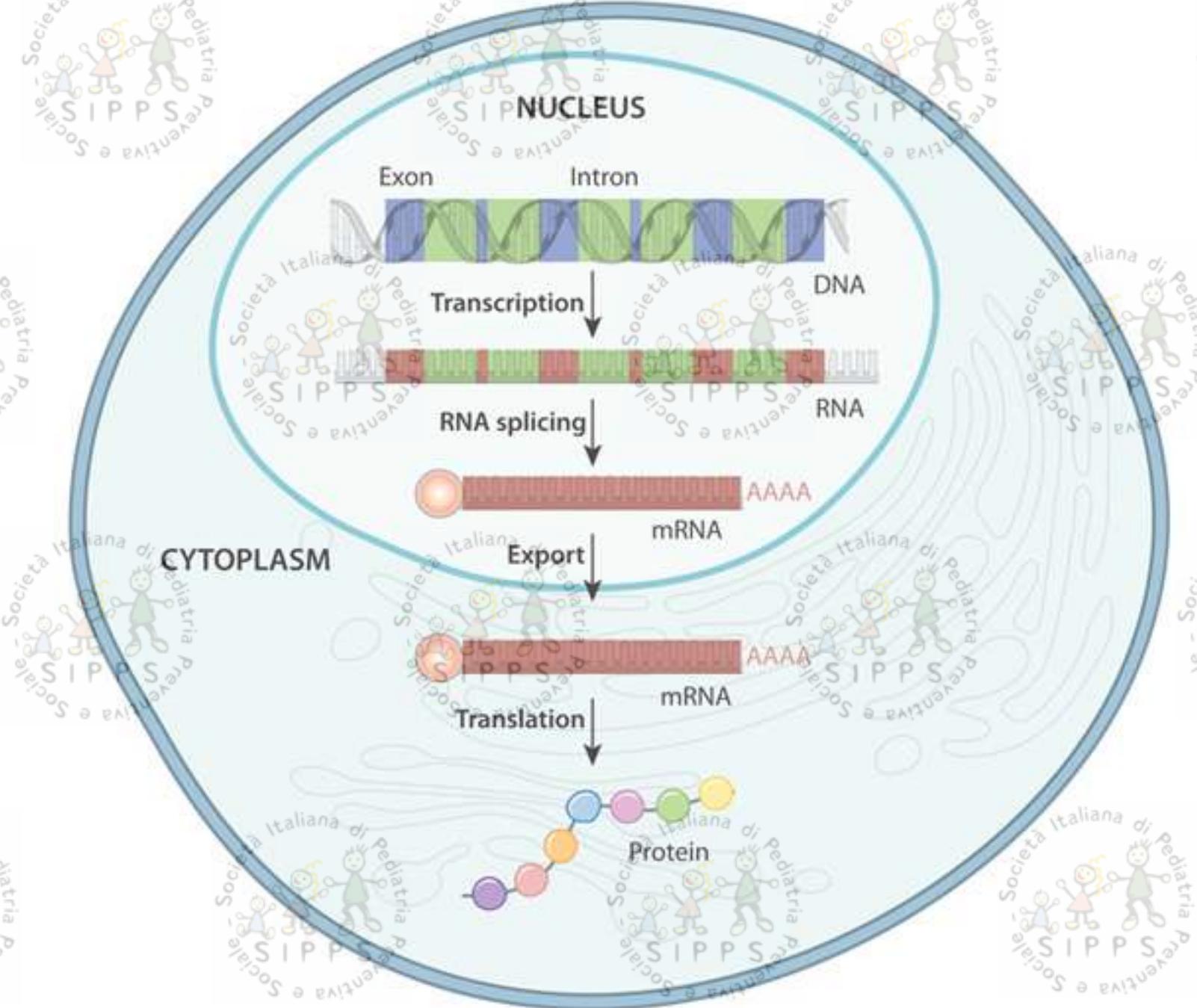
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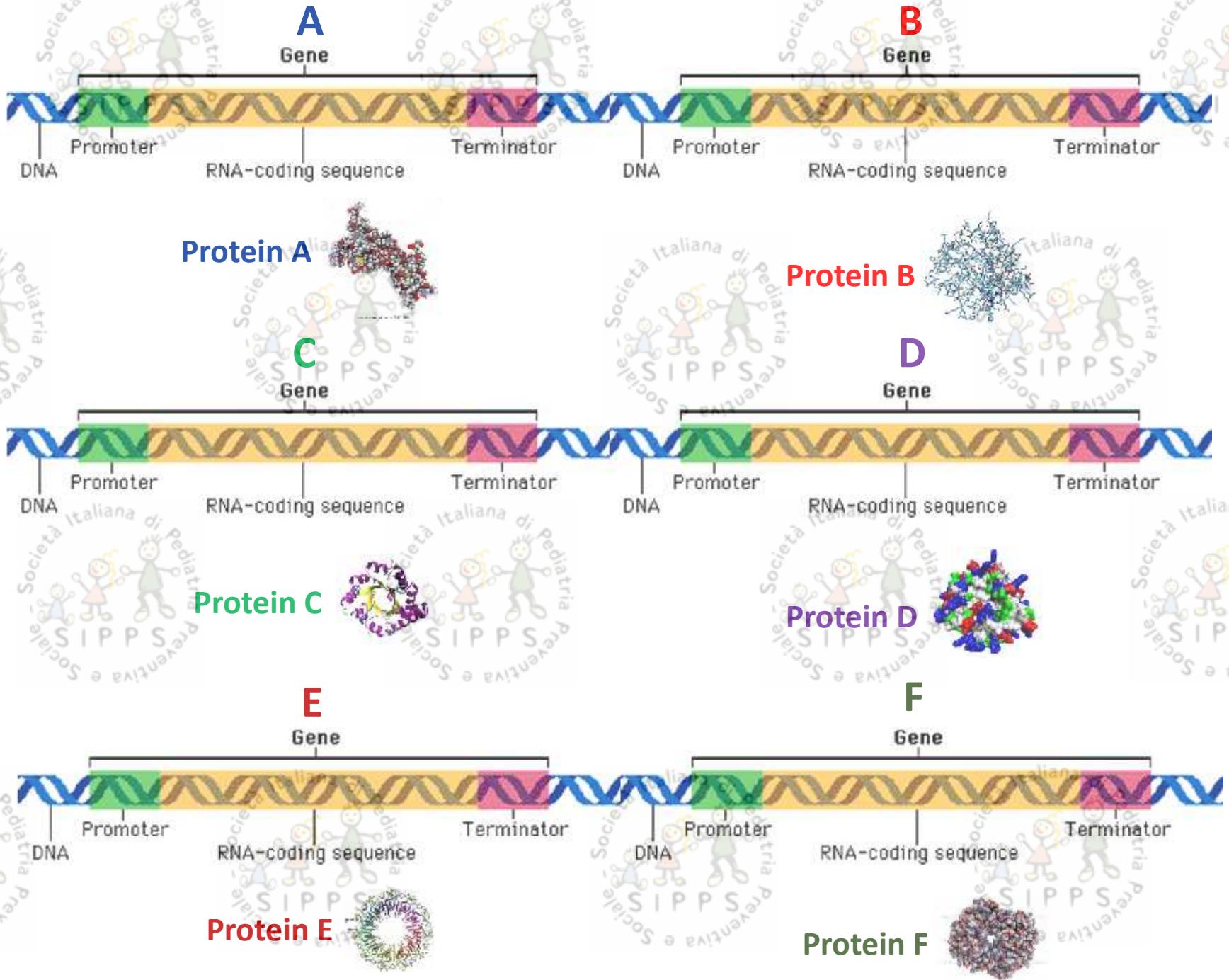


**Ambiente**

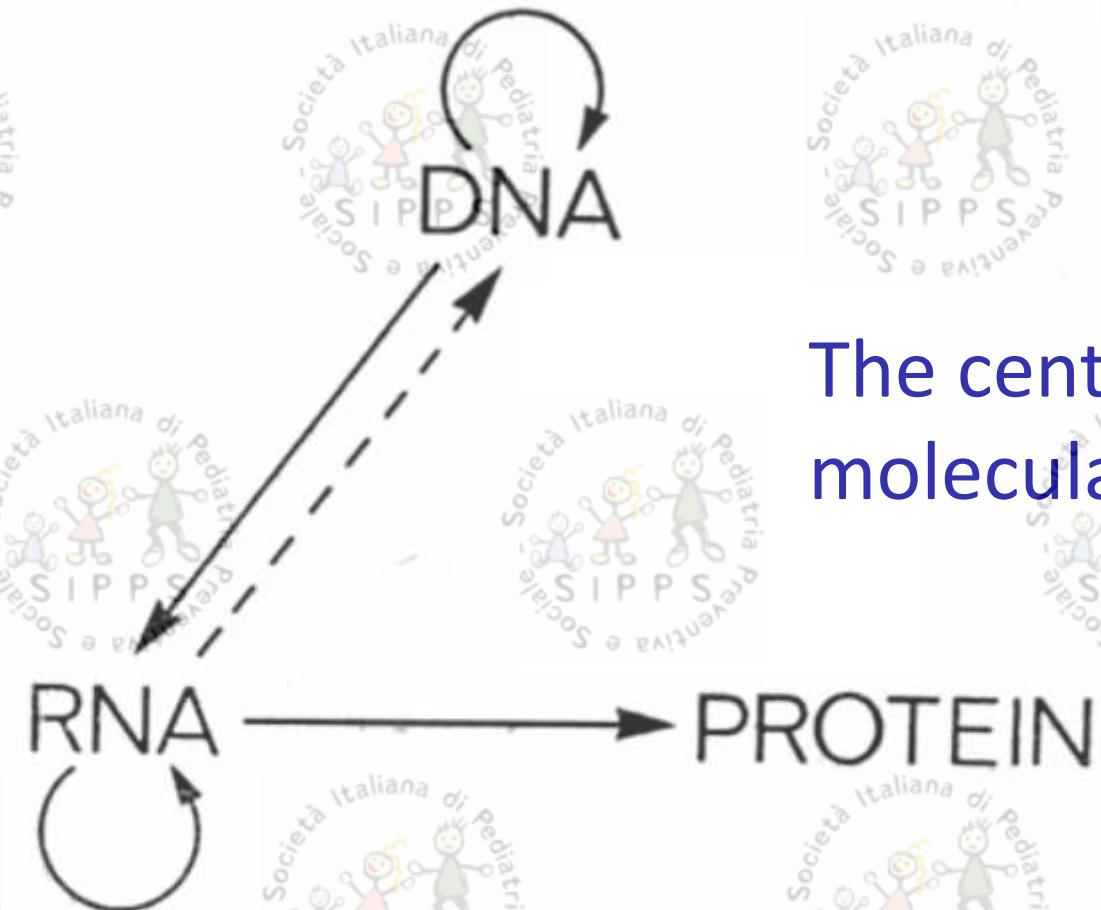


**Fenotipo**





# The modern synthesis

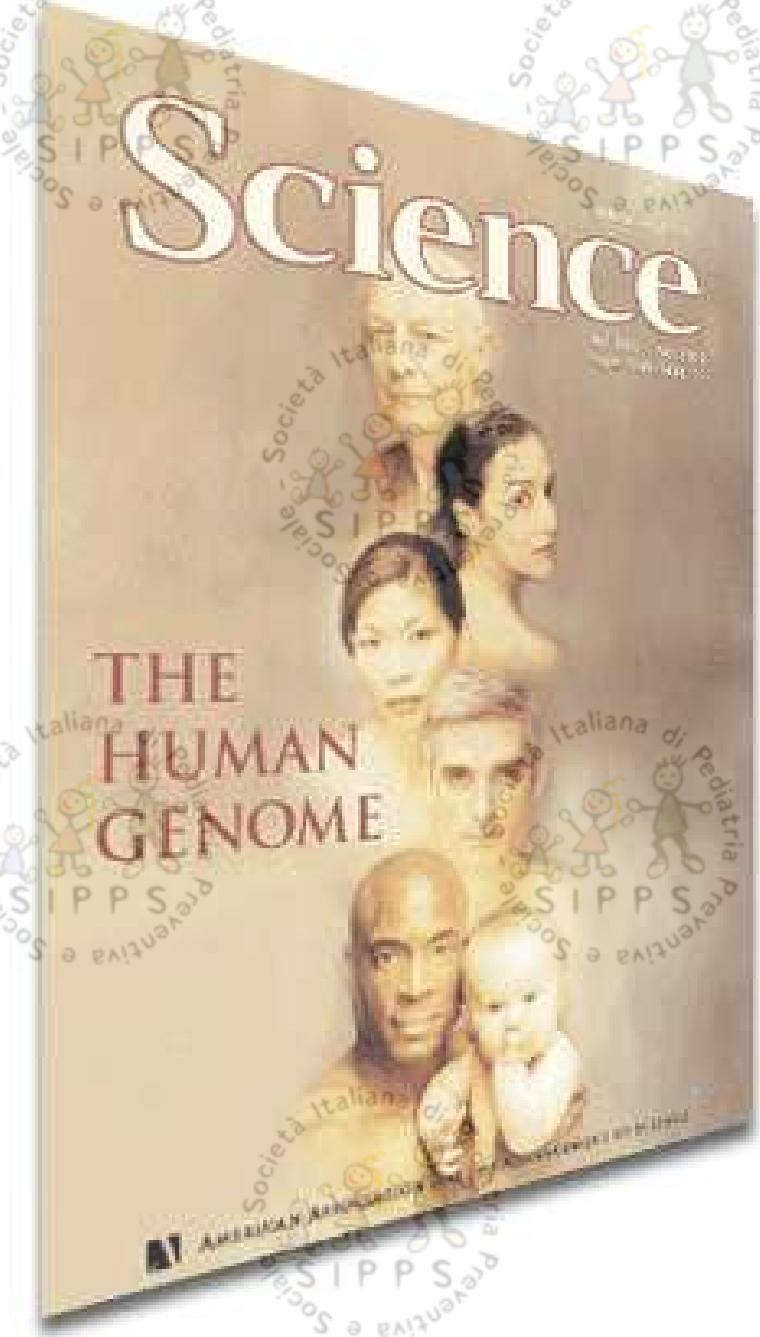


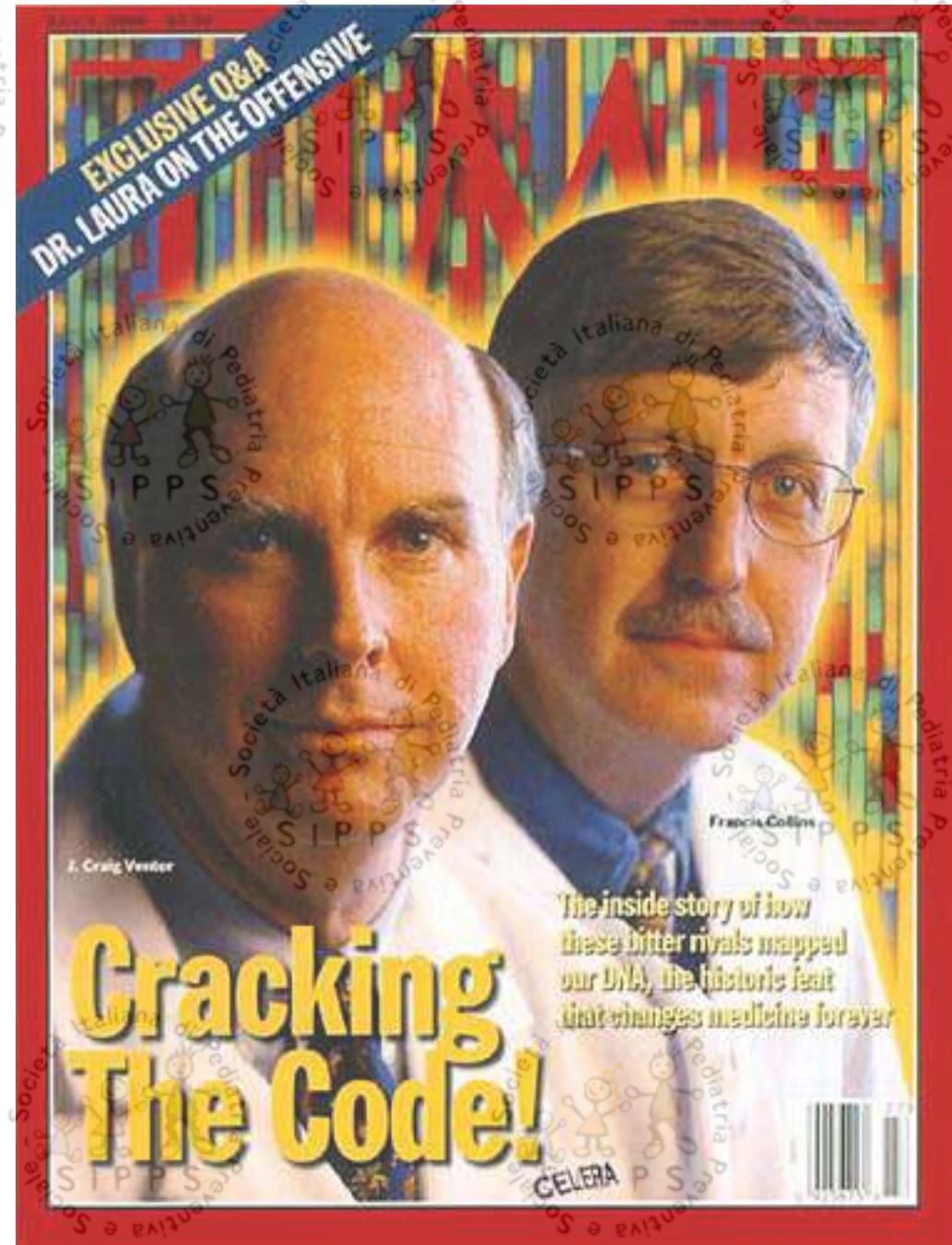
The central dogma of  
molecular biology

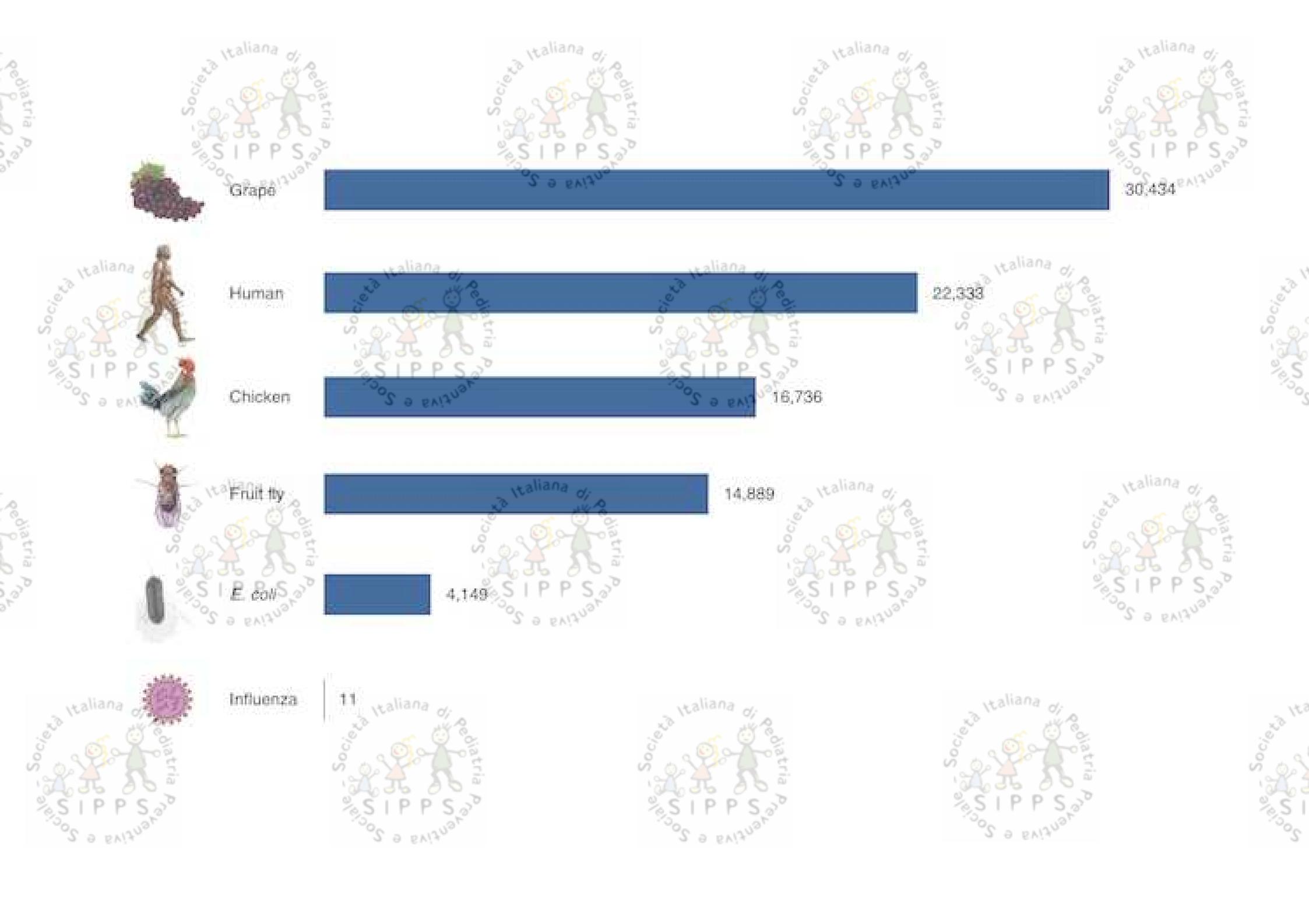
Frances Crick, 1970

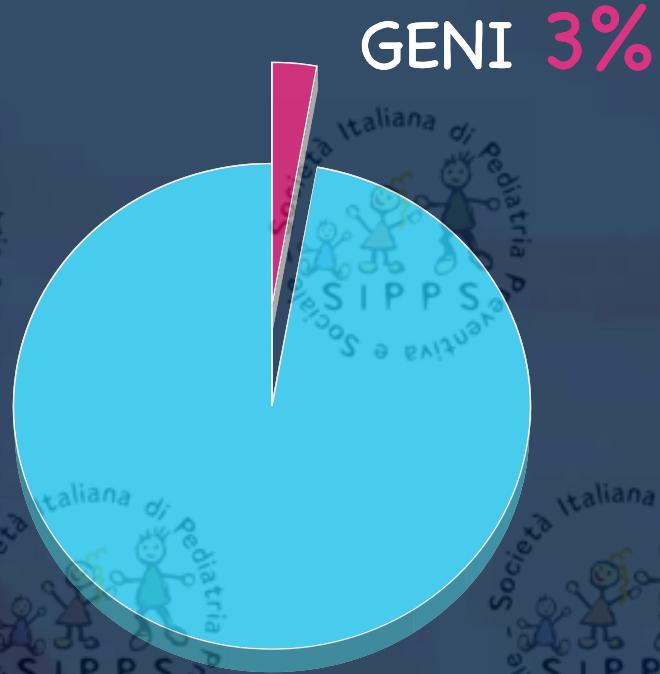
# Progetto Genoma 1990







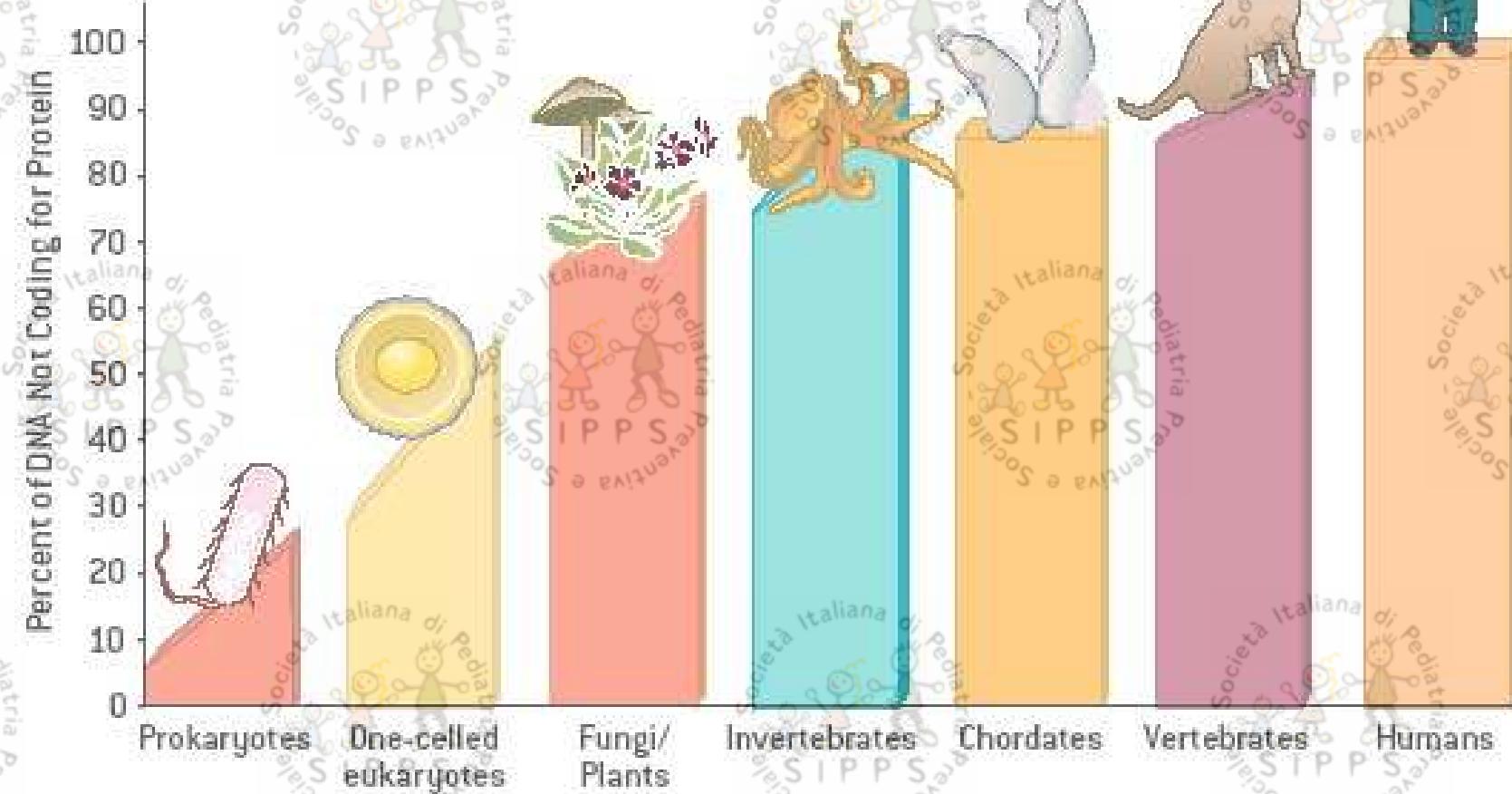




DNA «NON CODIFICANTE»

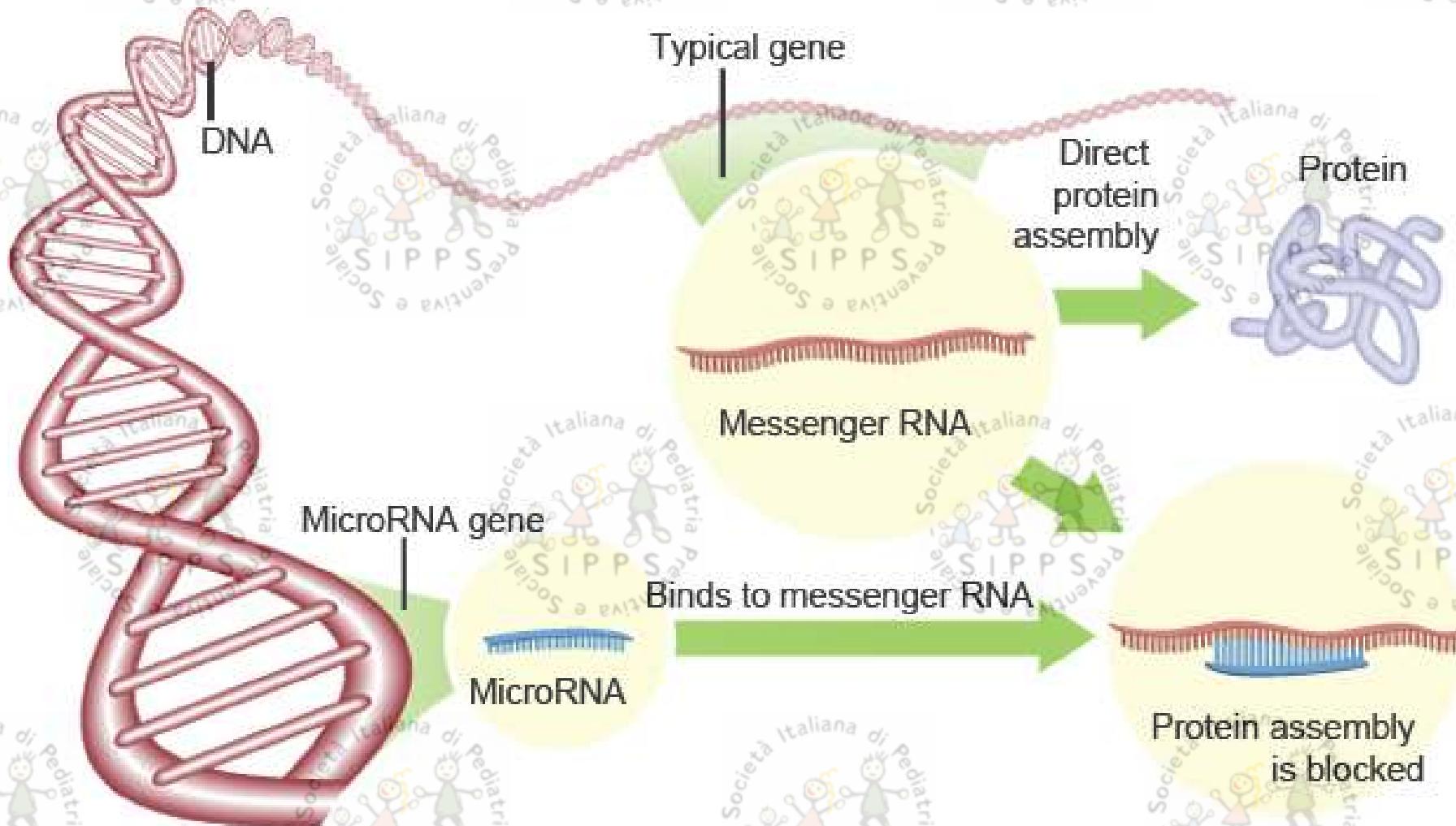
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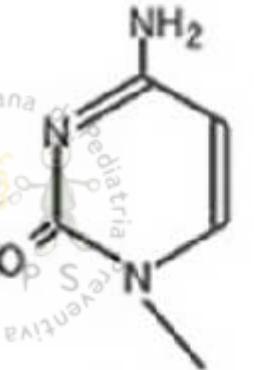
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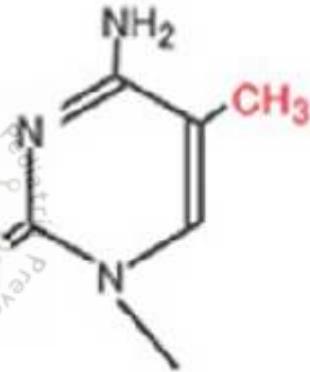
# Non-coding RNA: MIR



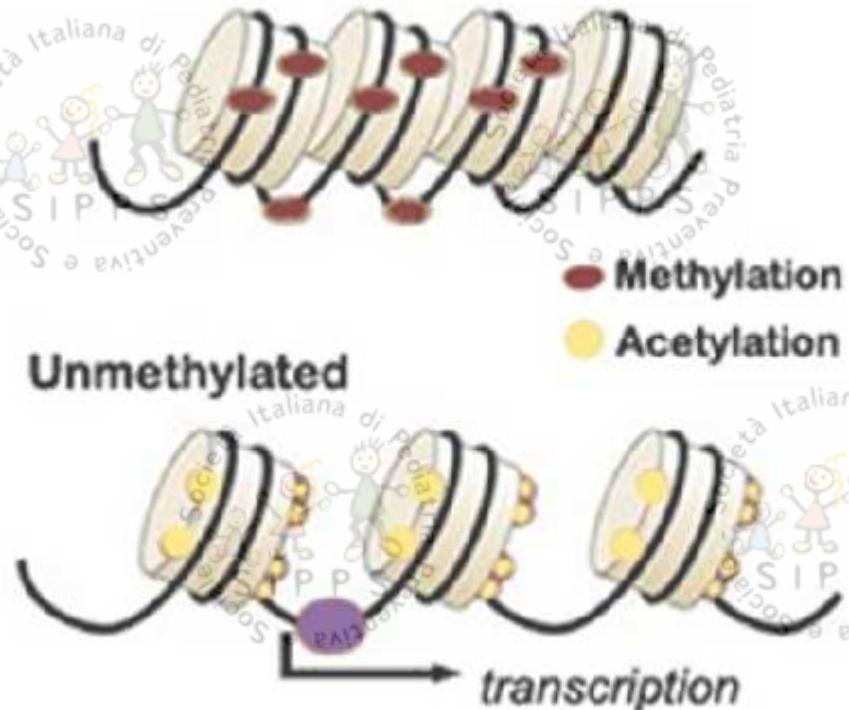


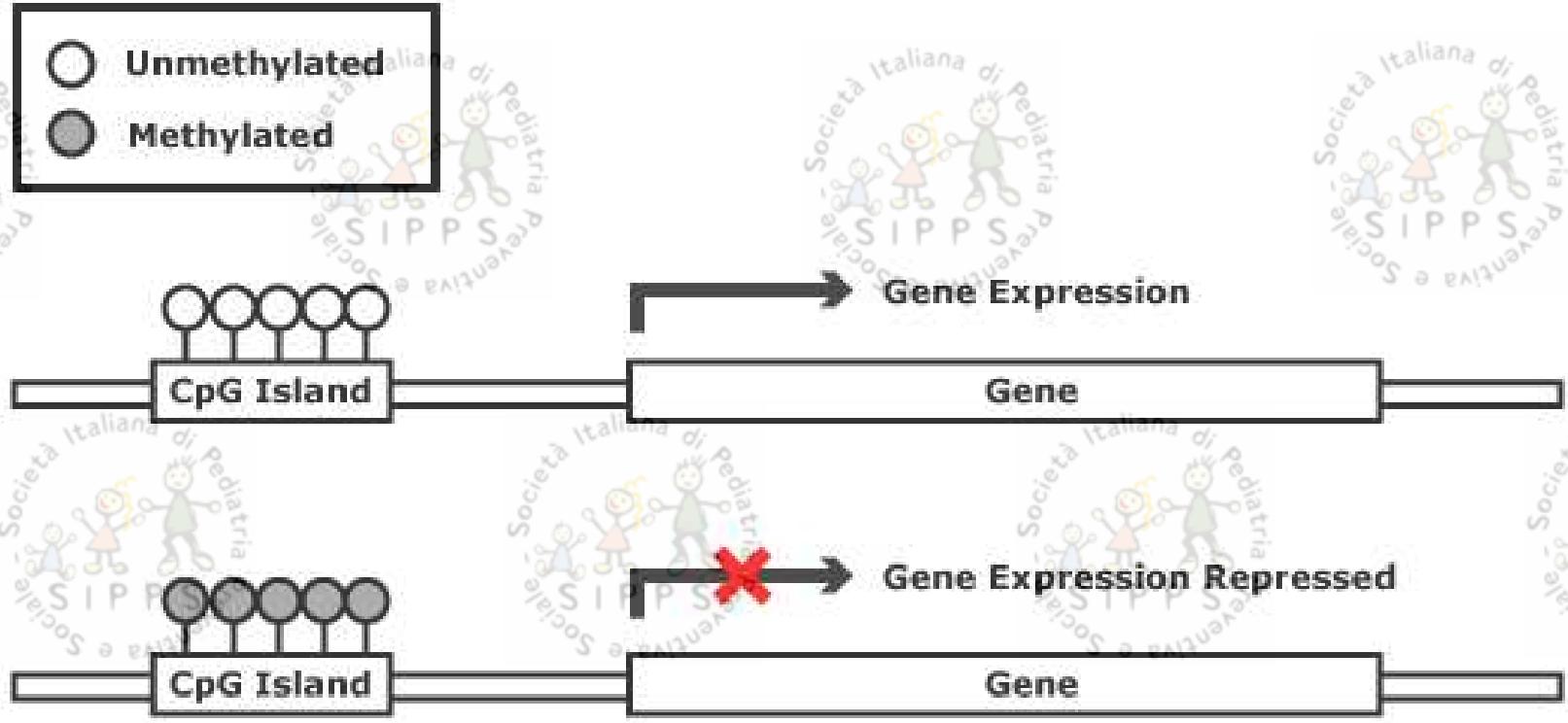
5'-CpG-3'  
3'-GpC-5'

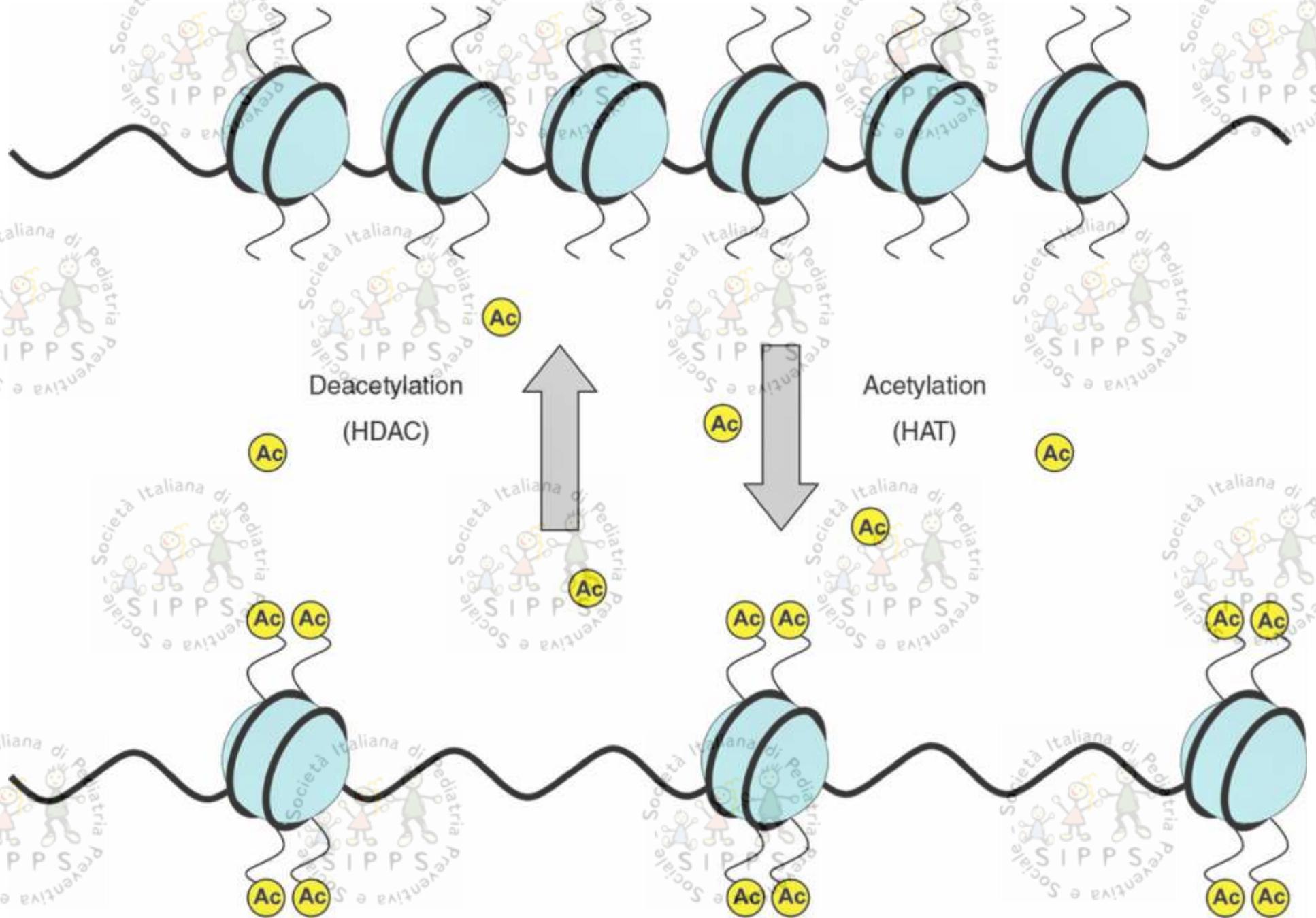
DNA methyl-transferases



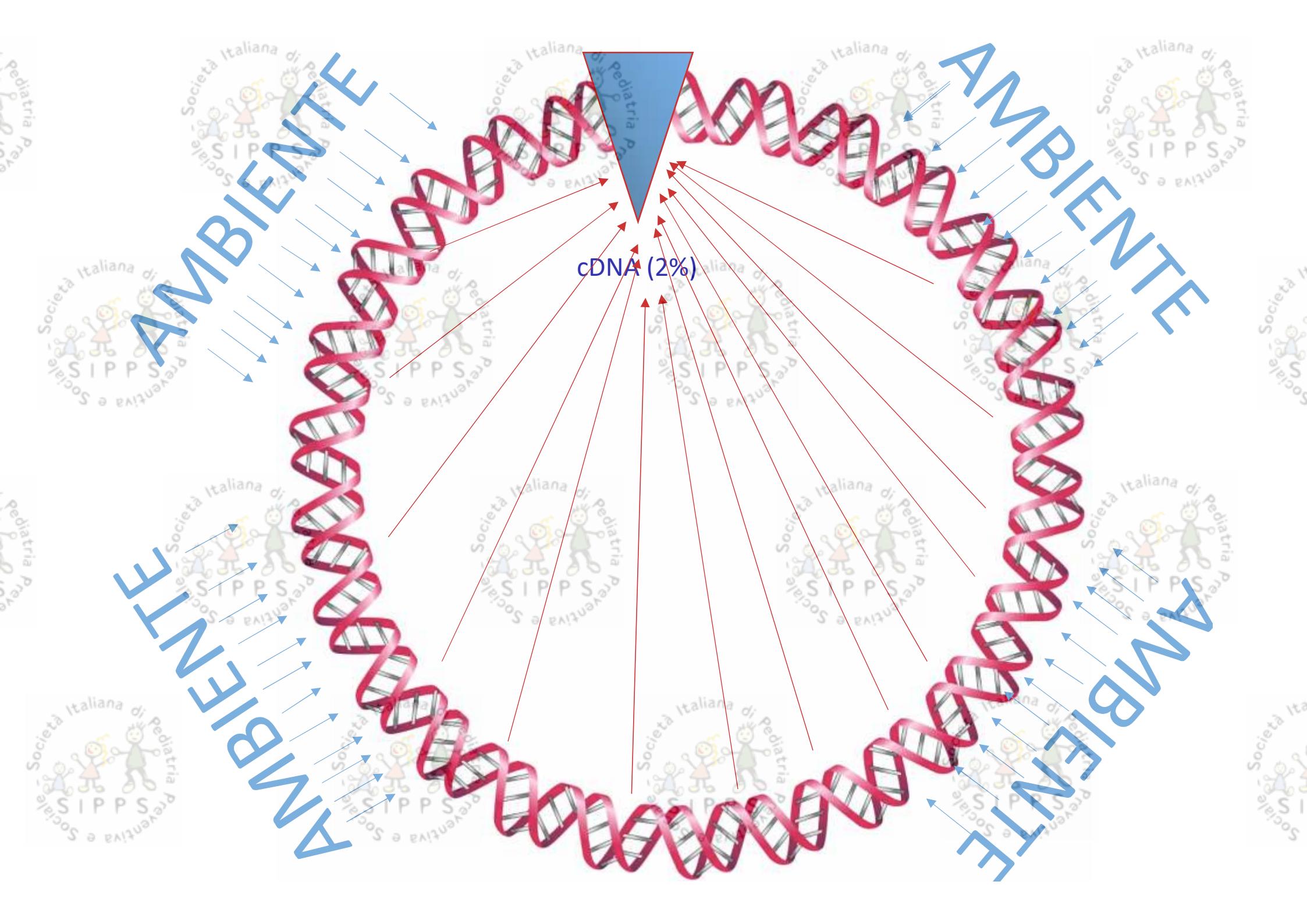
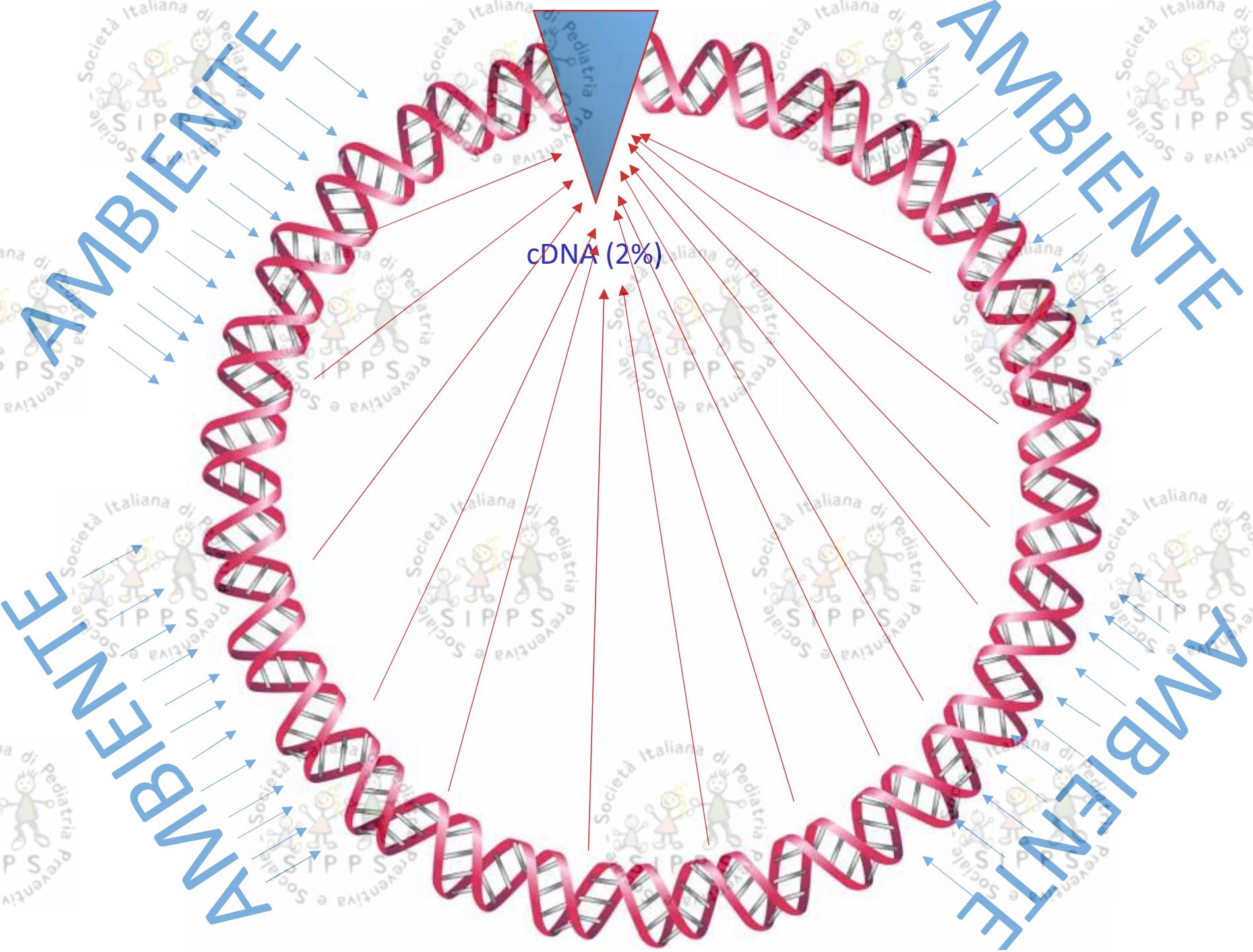
## Methylated DNA







# Evolutionary Developmental Biology

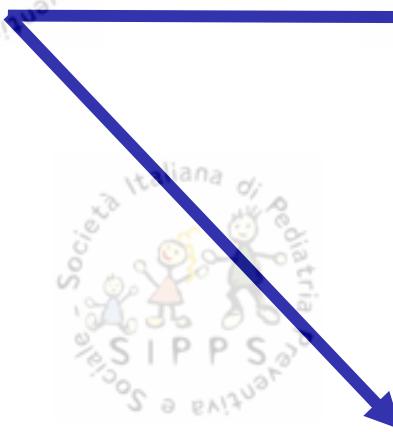


**Genotipo**



**Ambiente**

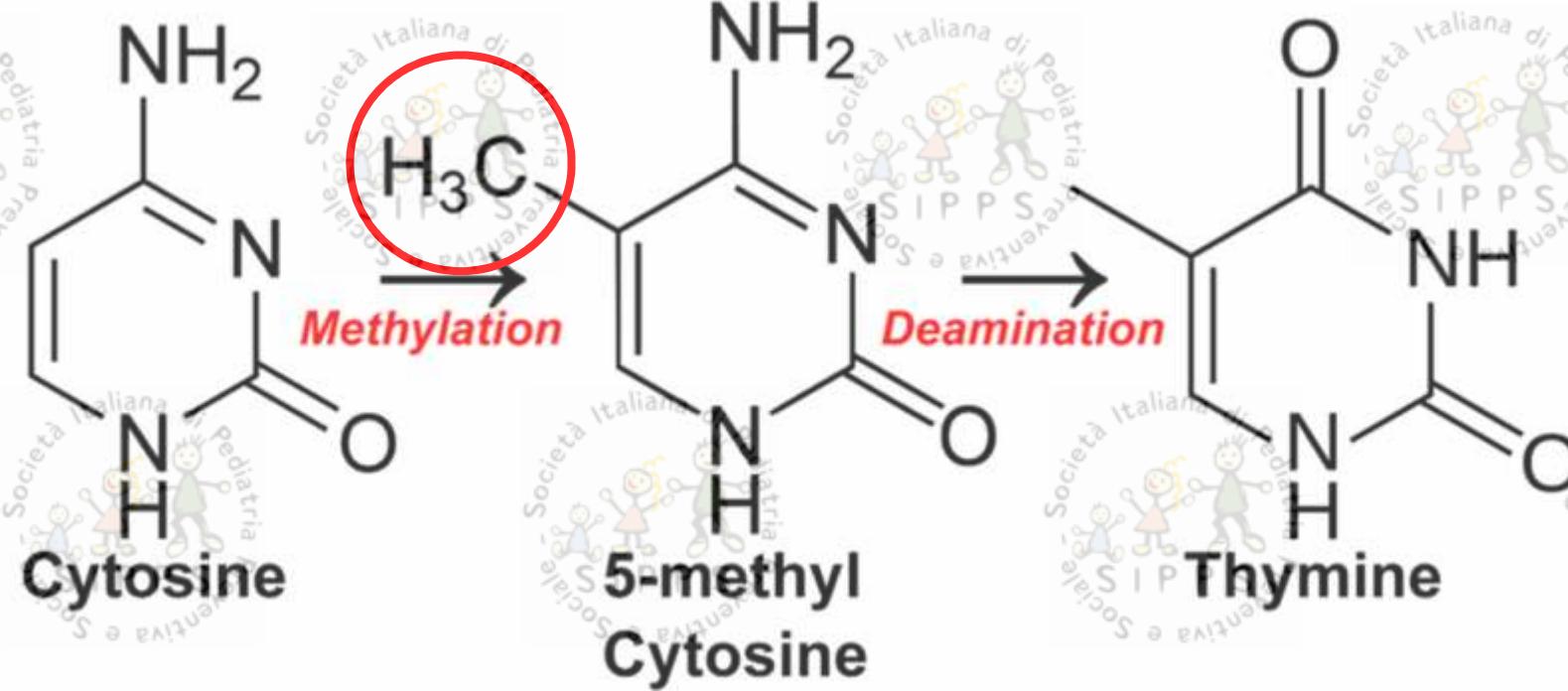
**Fenotipo**



**Developmental plasticity**



**“Il futuro inizia oggi,  
non domani.”**



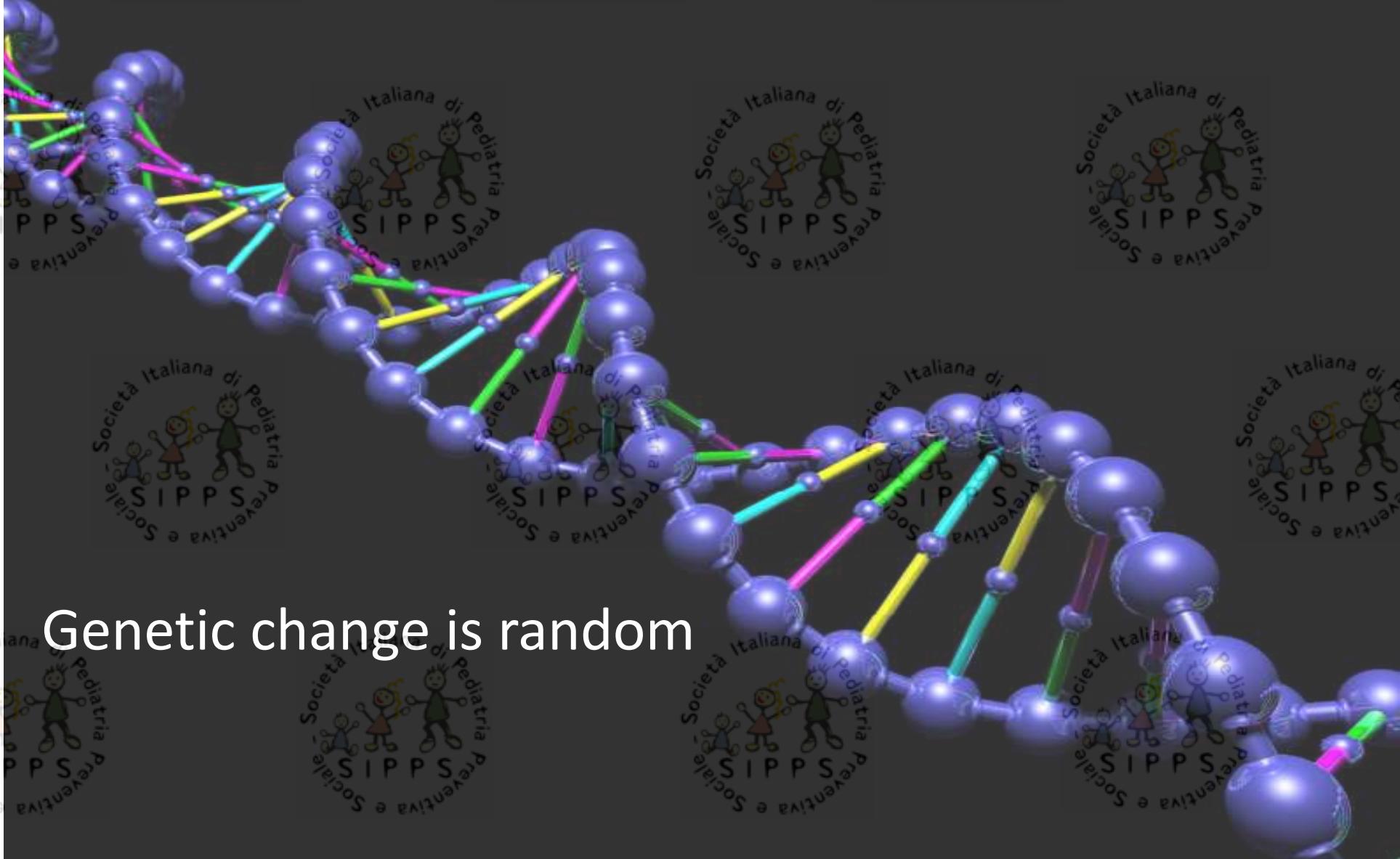
# Health Literacy

“Cognitive and social skills which determine the motivation and ability of individuals to gain access to, understand and use information in ways which promote and maintain good health.”

WHO, 2009



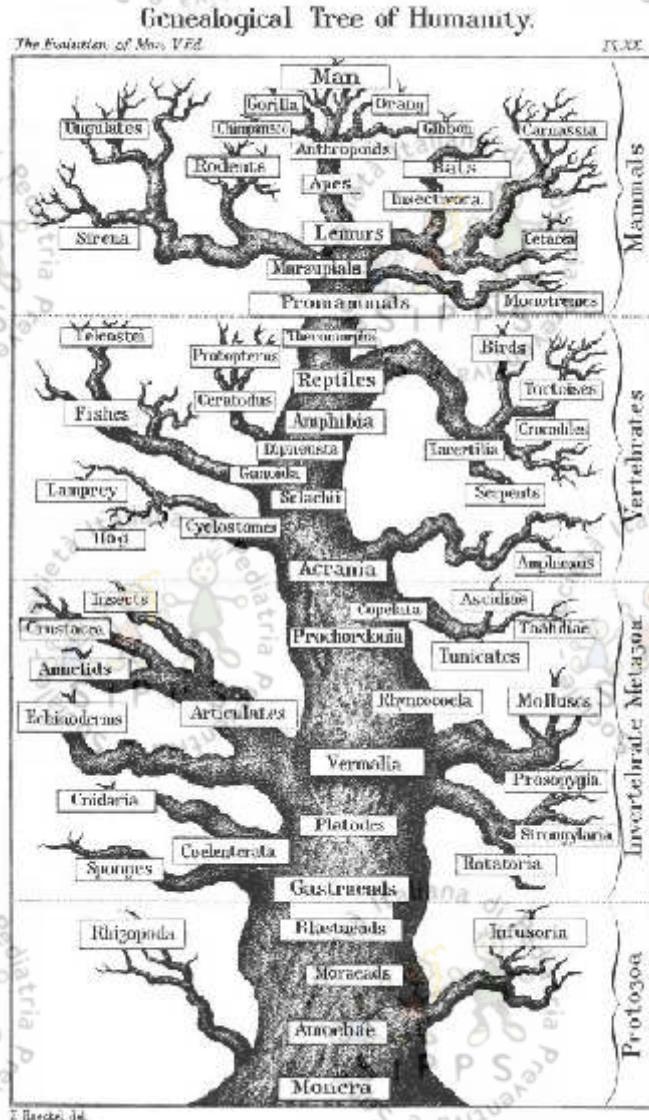
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Genetic change is random

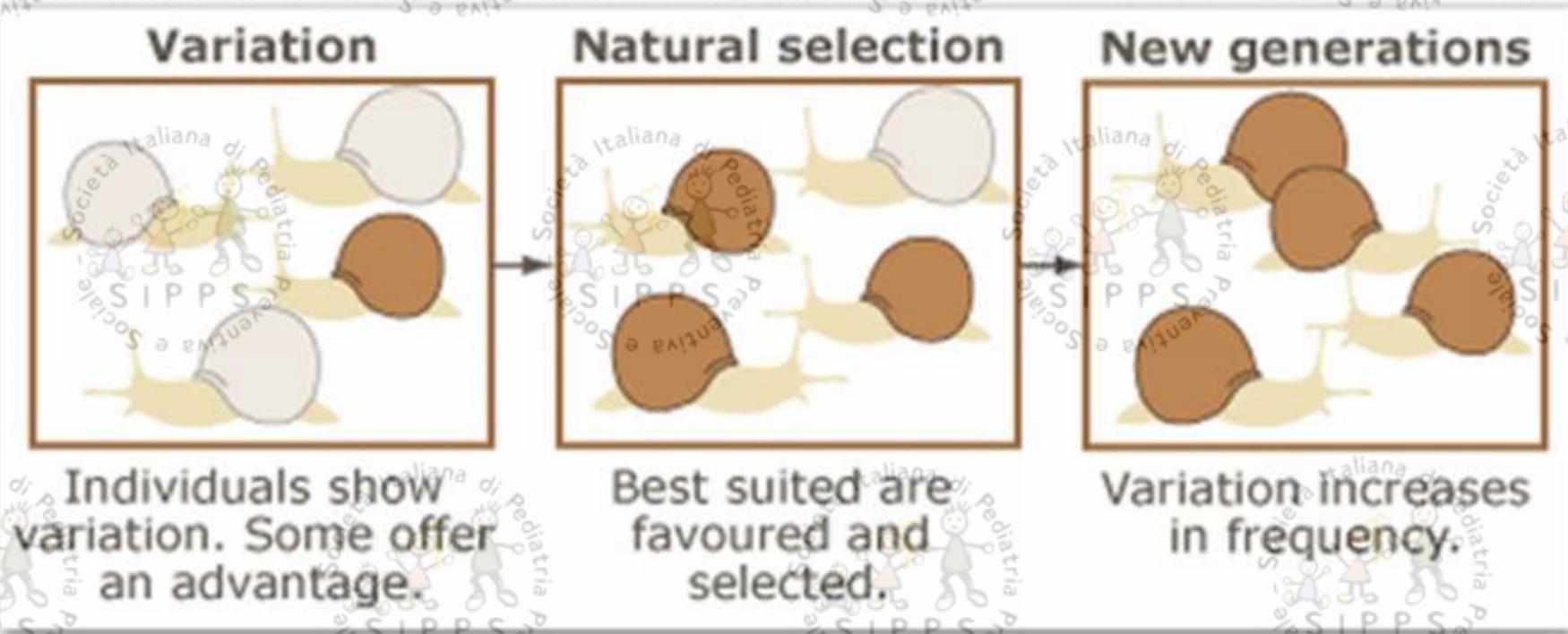
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# Genetic change is gradual

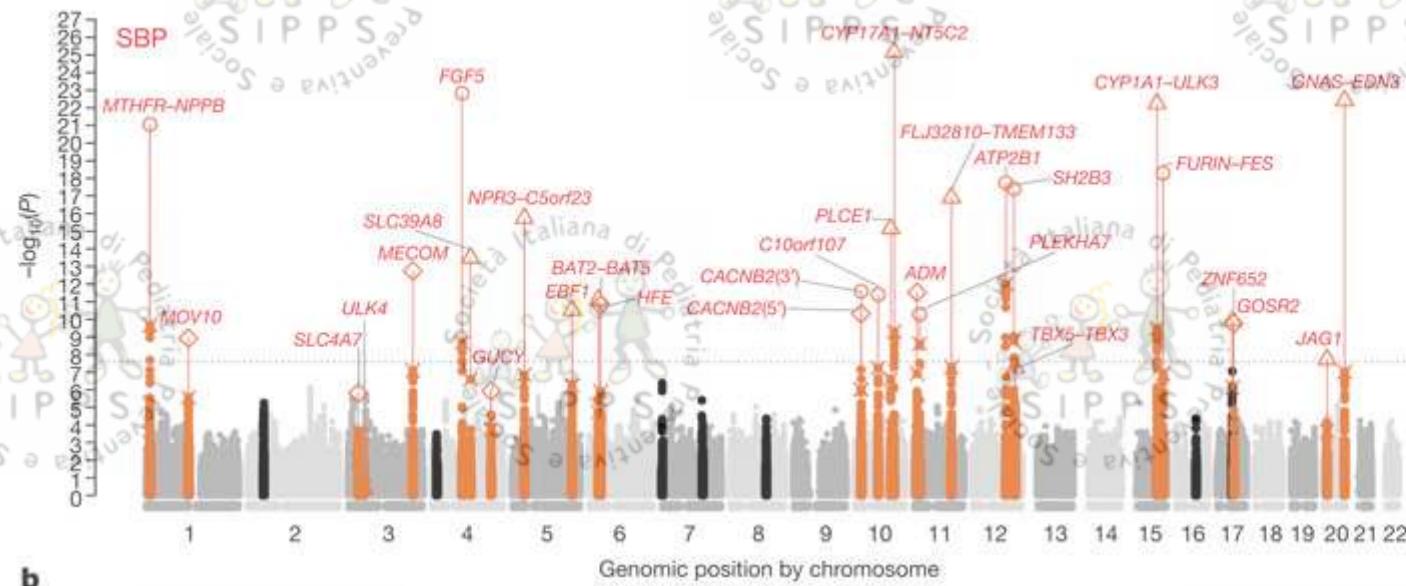
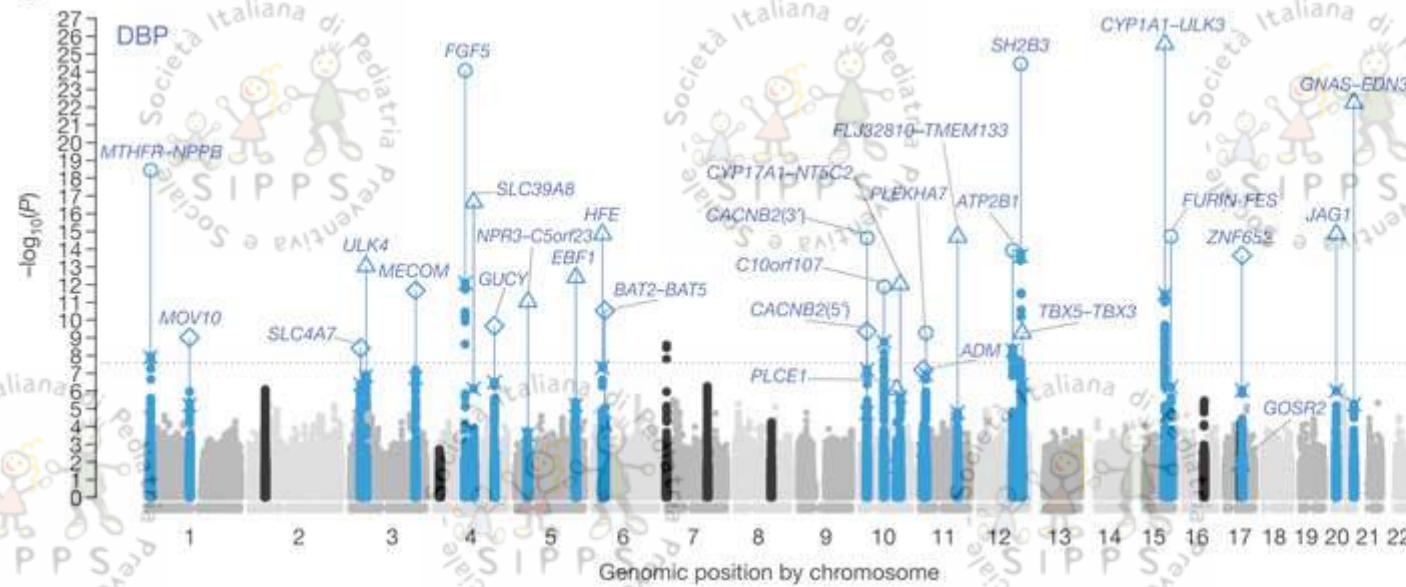
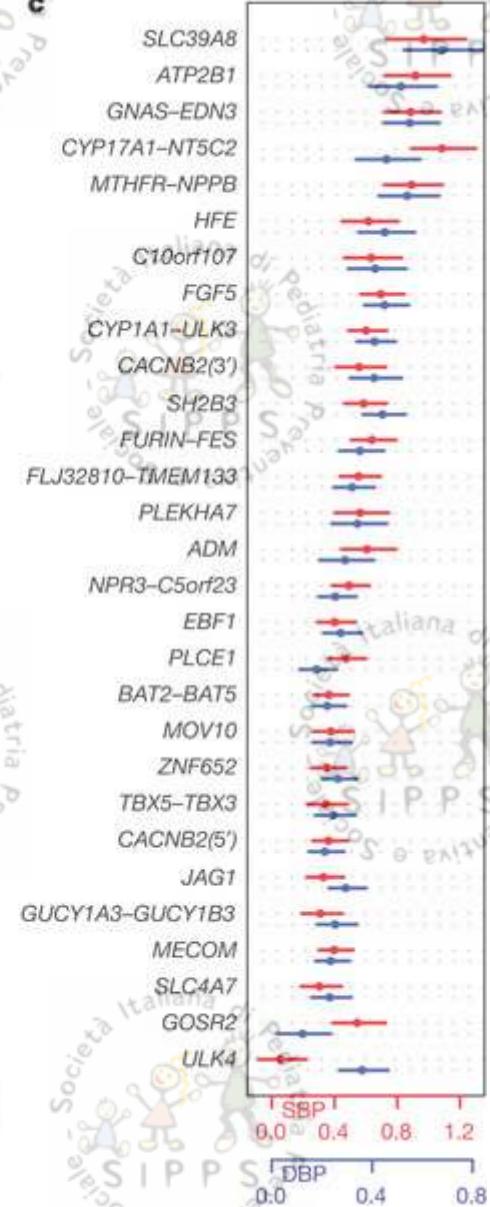


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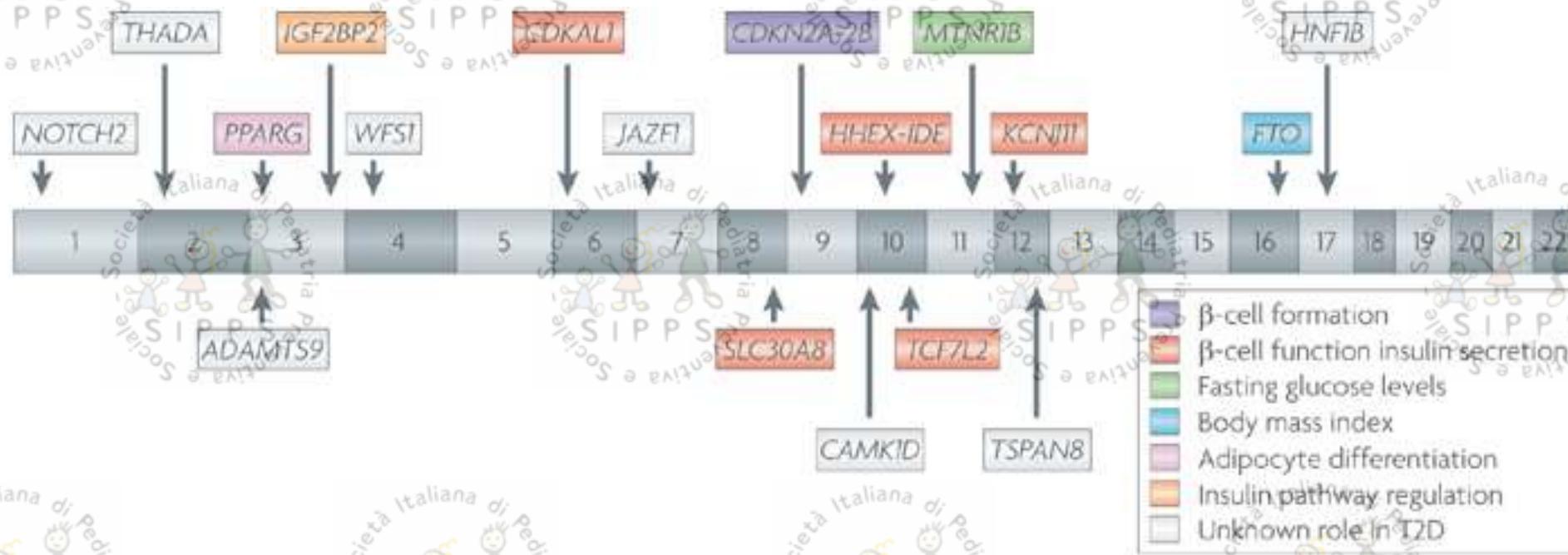
## Natural selection of «advantageous» alleles





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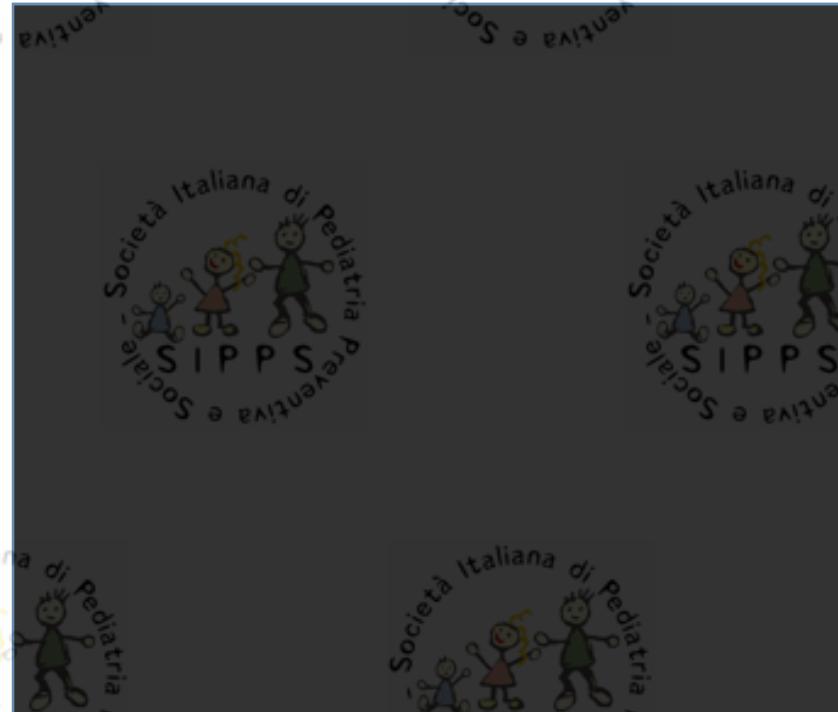


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# The problem of «missing heritability»

**LBW**



**NCDs**

# Genotipo



# Ambiente



# Fenotipo



# International Society for Developmental Origins of Health and Disease

[www.dohadsoc.org](http://www.dohadsoc.org)

The Cape Town Manifesto – November 2015

A HEALTHY START BUILDS A BRIGHT FUTURE

Research in the field of Developmental Origins of Health and Disease (DOHaD) shows that the environment in which the embryo, fetus and young child grow and develop influences not only life course health and wellbeing but also the risk of later non-communicable diseases (NCDs). Important aspects of the environment include maternal, fetal and infant malnutrition (including excess or insufficient macro- and micronutrients), toxins (e.g. maternal smoking or environmental chemical exposure), pregnancy in teenagers or older women and psychological or physiological stress. The NCDs include obesity, type 2 diabetes, hypertension, coronary heart disease, chronic lung and kidney disease, musculoskeletal disorders, some cancers and some mental illness.

Mothers are central to these inter-generational effects on health, because the embryo, fetus and young child depend on them for nutrition and nurturing. However, unhealthy behaviour and exposure to harmful environments in fathers may also increase the risk of NCDs in the next generation, through biological effects on the sperm as well as social factors.

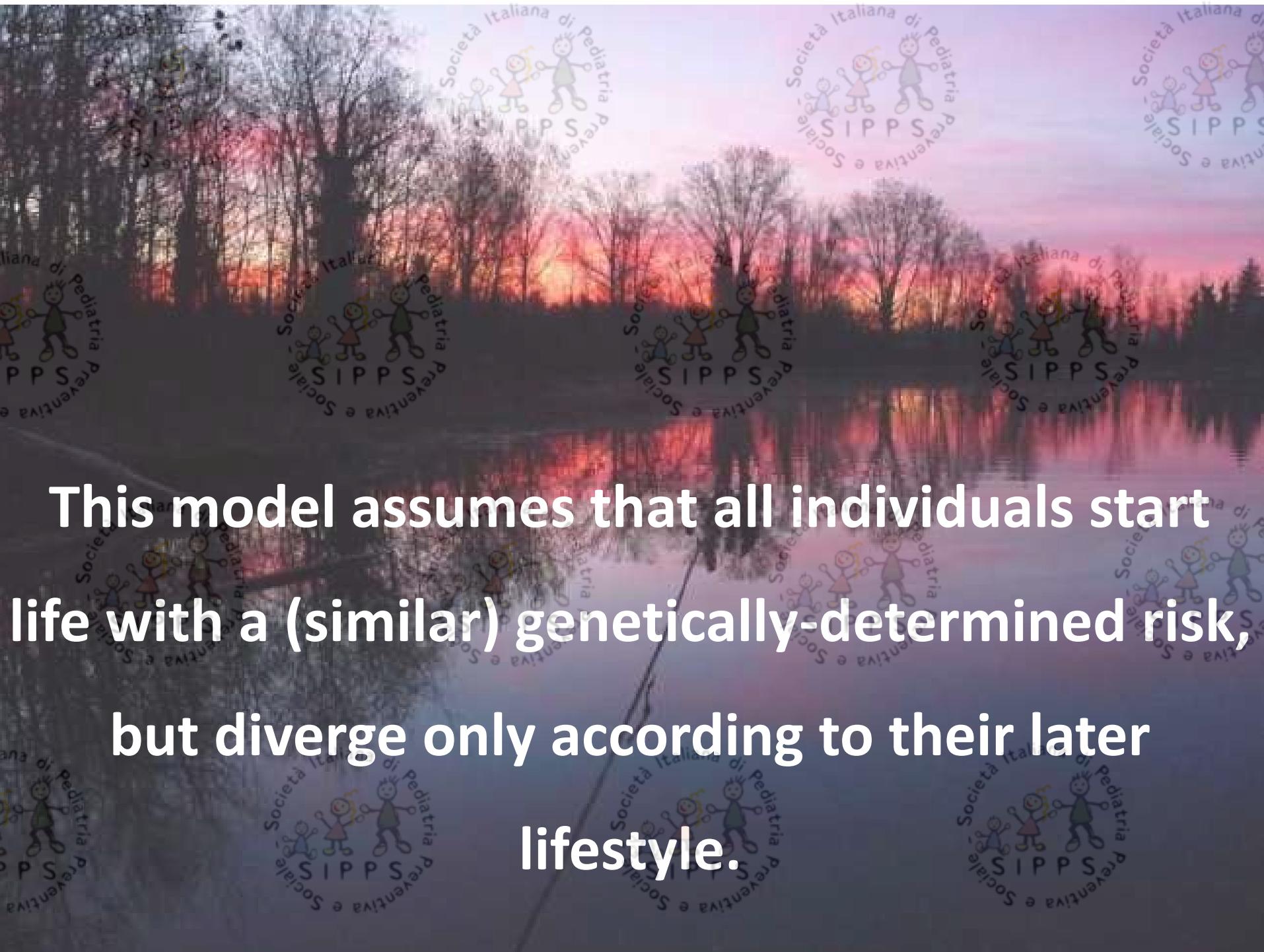
# Target gene expressed



# Target gene silenced



(Fry, 2011)



This model assumes that all individuals start life with a (similar) genetically-determined risk, but diverge only according to their later lifestyle.



Hanson M. A. and Gluckman P. D., 2014

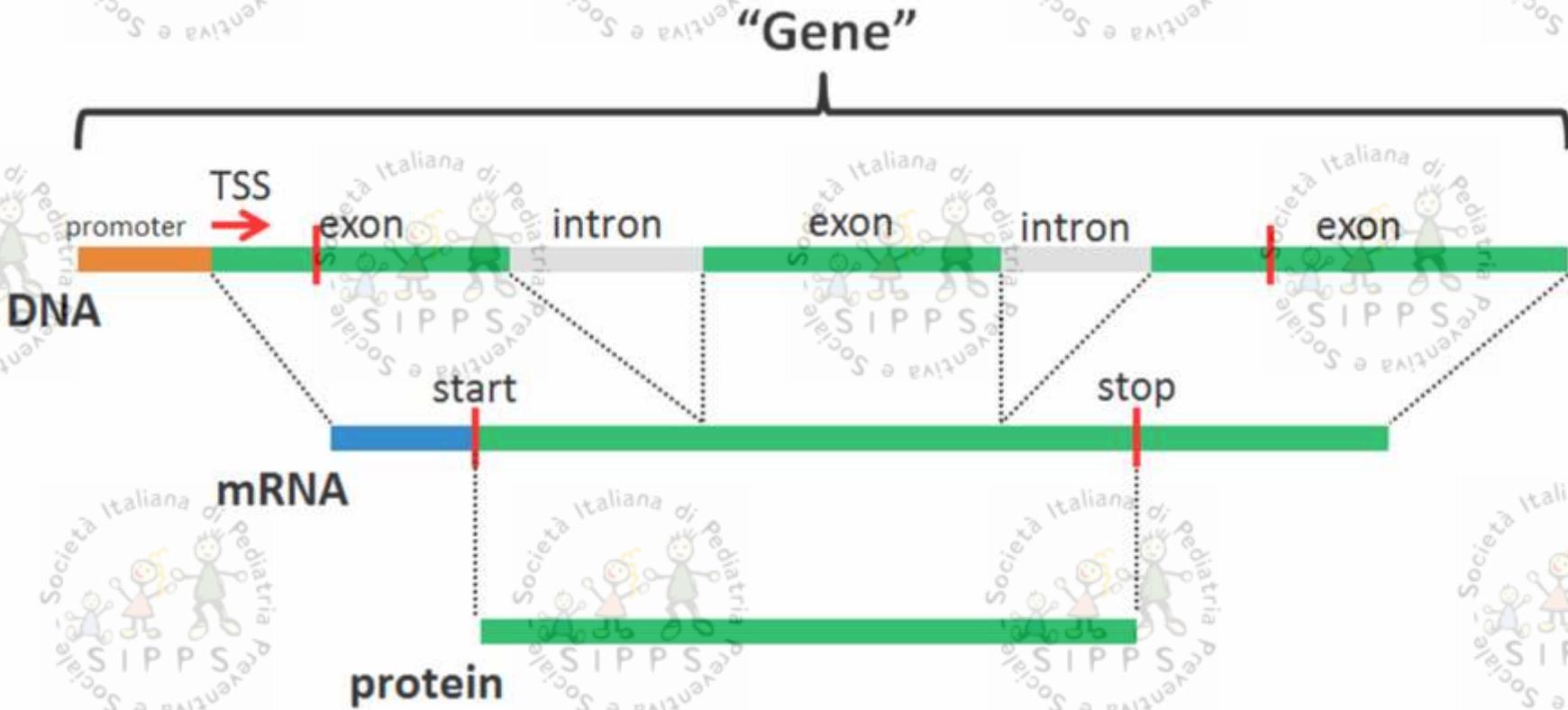


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information skills numeracy communication responses  
October health change surround health assessment tools learning  
Social HealthEd webinars behavior

# Health

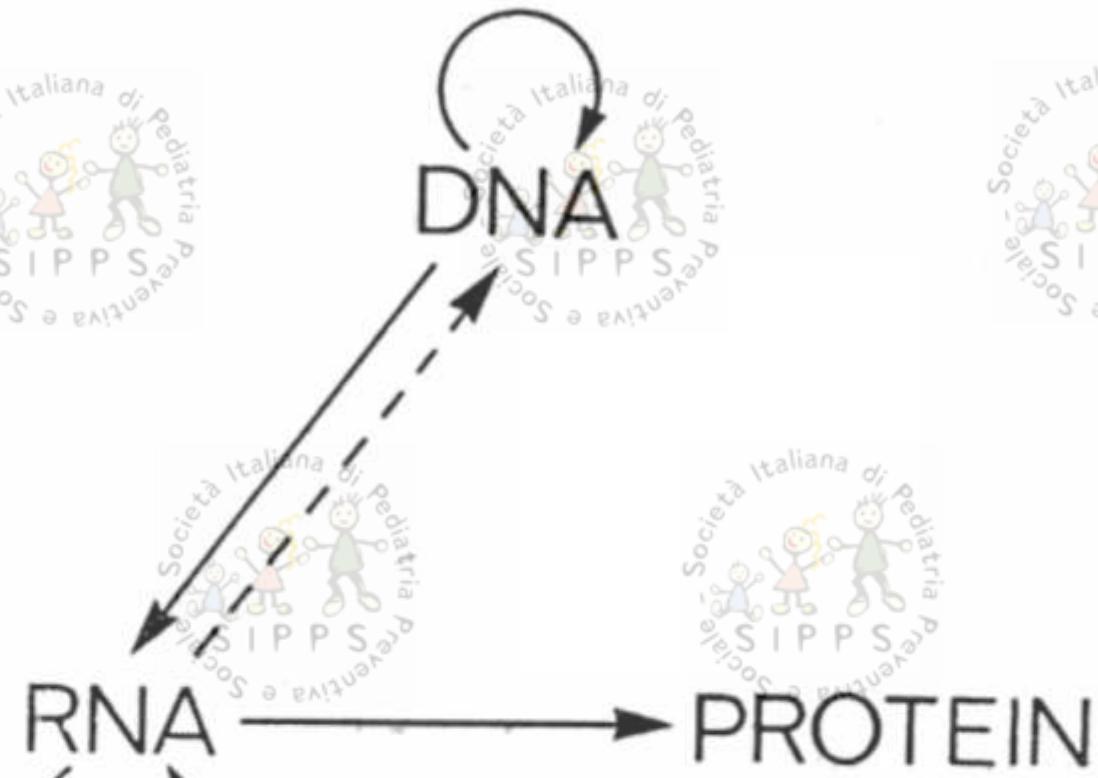


## Stile di vita salutare



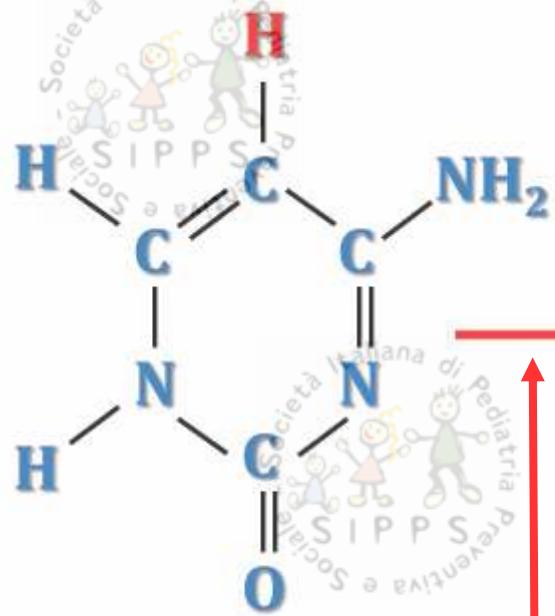
TSS: Transcription Start Site

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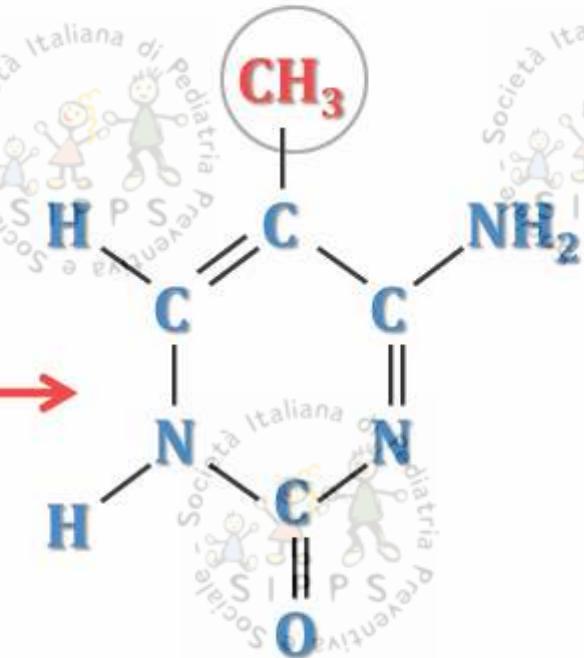


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### *Unmethylated Cystosine*

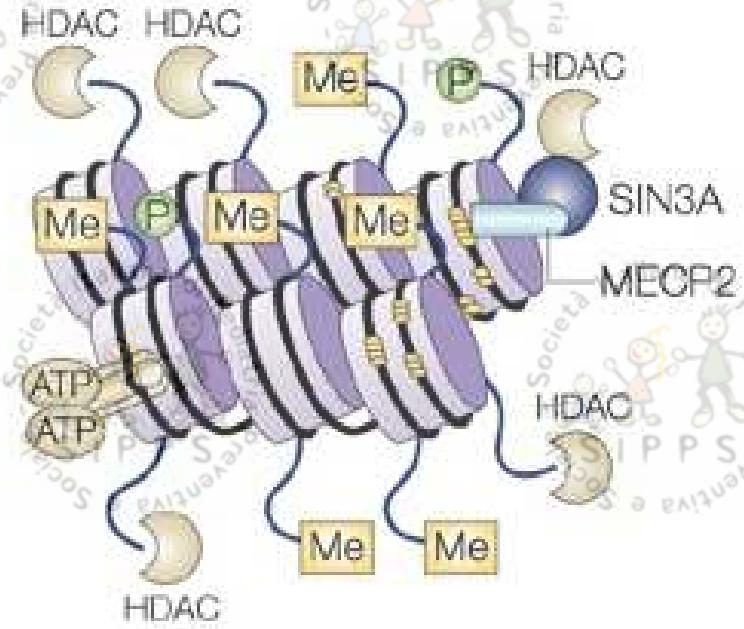


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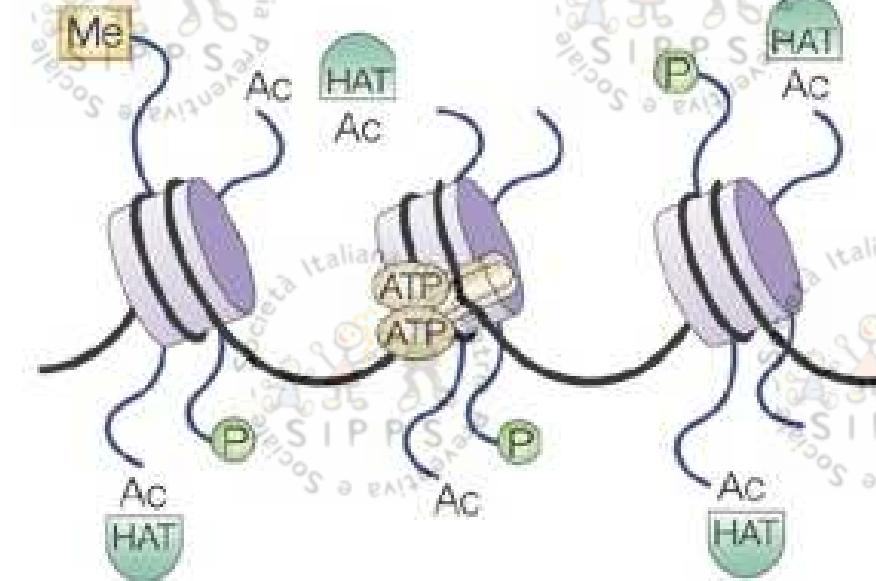


**Metiltransferasi**

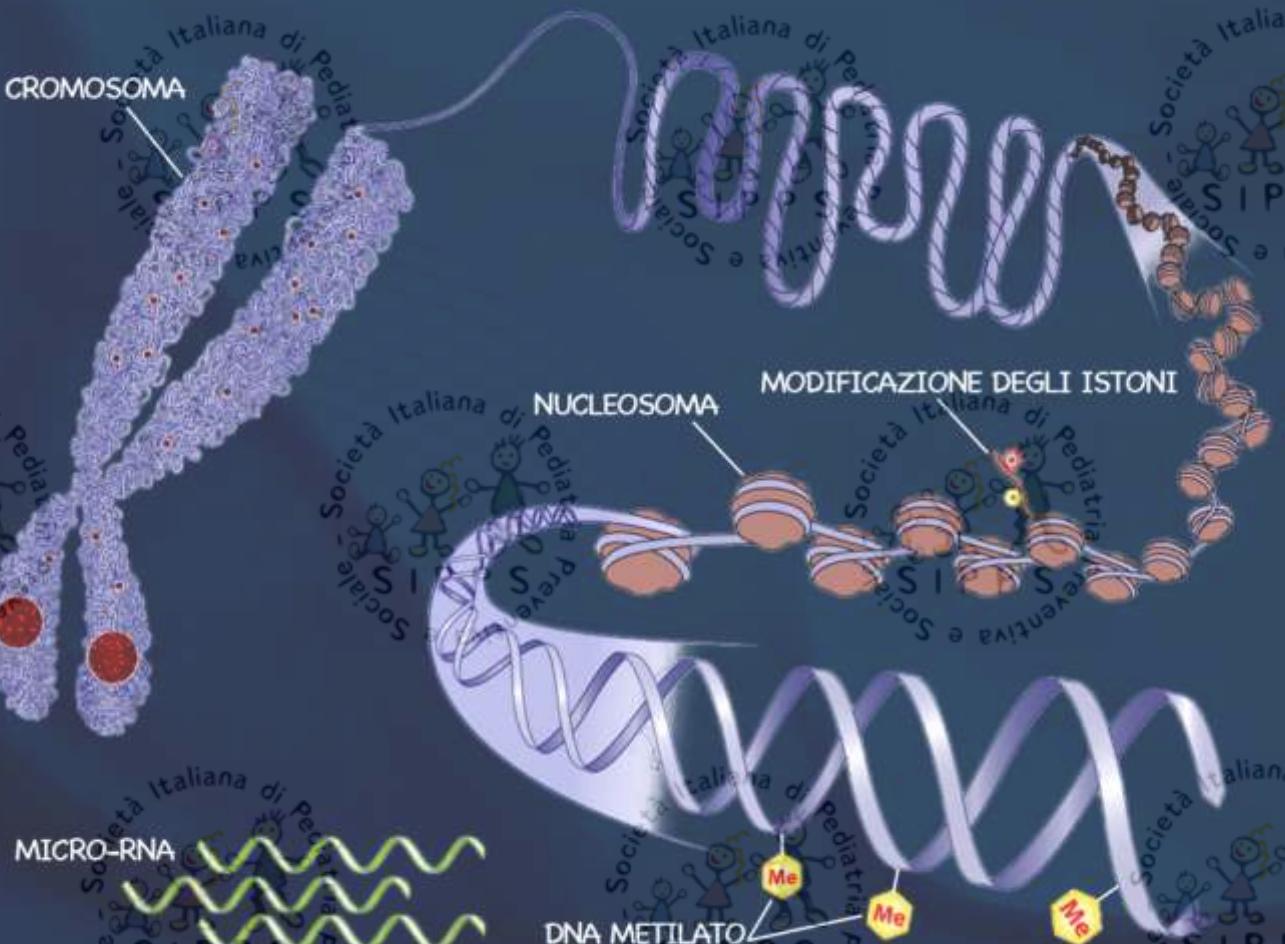
# Acetilazione e deacetilazione degli istoni

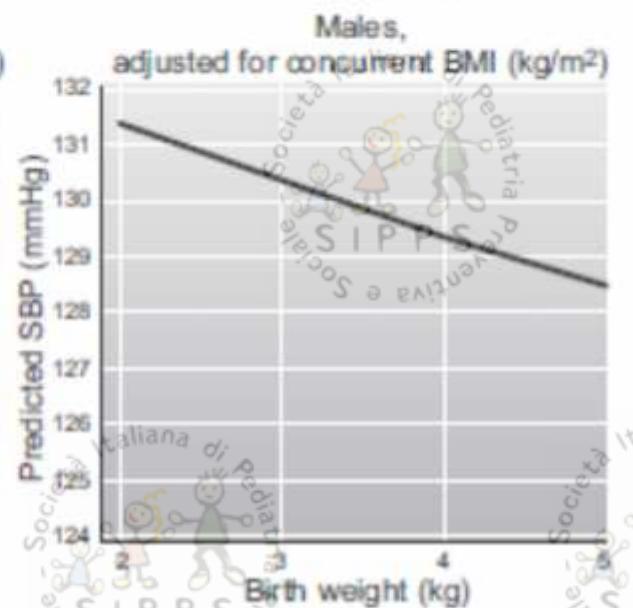
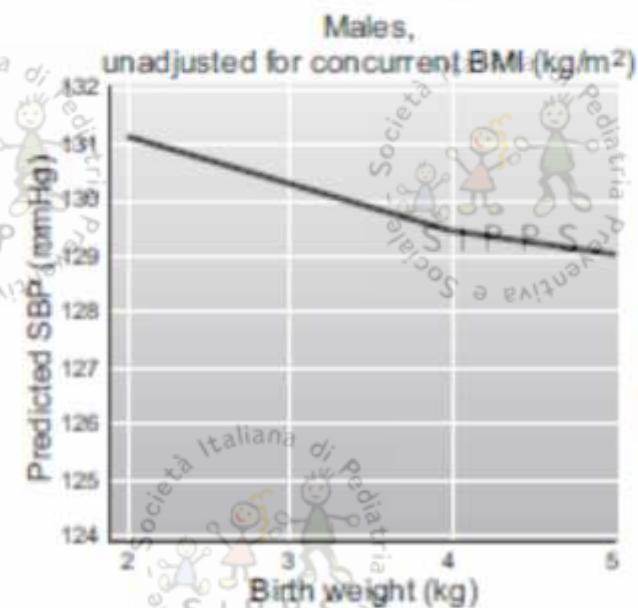
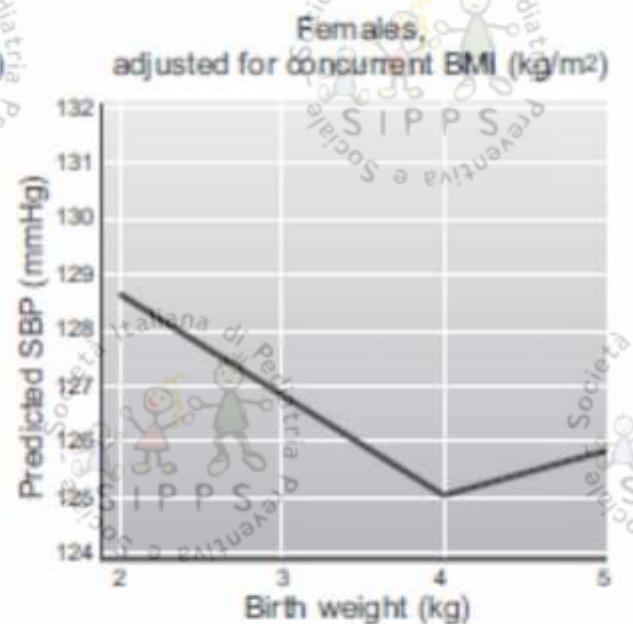
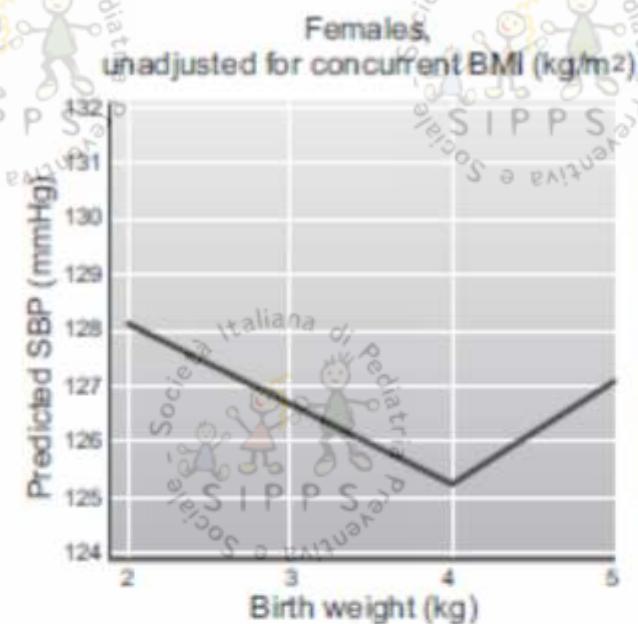


HDAC: Histone deacetylase  
HAT: Histone AcetylTransferase



# L'epigenetica





Gamborg M. et al., 1988