

PERSONALISED NUTRITION FOR PREVENTION  
OF DNA DAMAGE

# GENOME HEALTH NUTRIGENOMICS



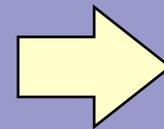
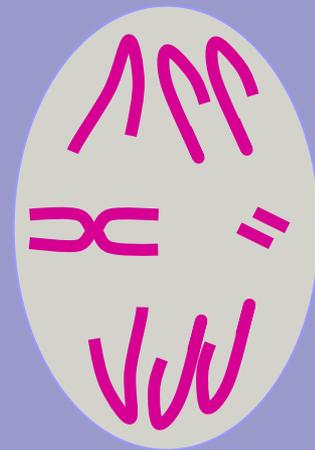
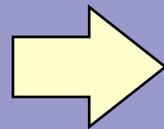
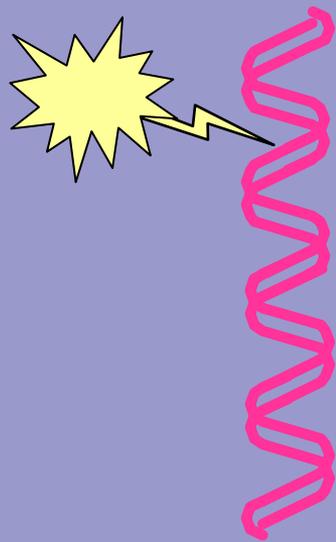
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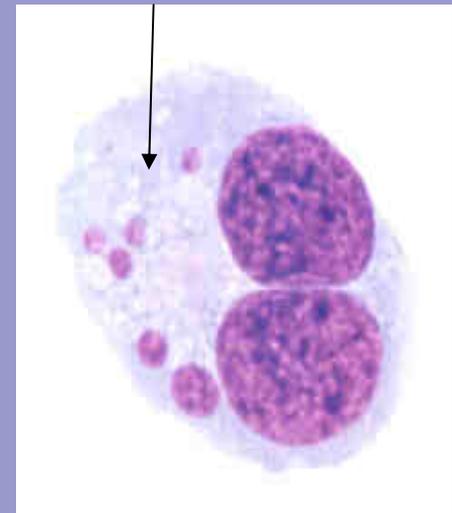
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# Genome damage



Micronuclei



## CYTOKINESIS-BLOCK MICRONUCLEUS (CBMN) ASSAY

- Oxidative stress
- Nutrient deficiency
- Excess calories

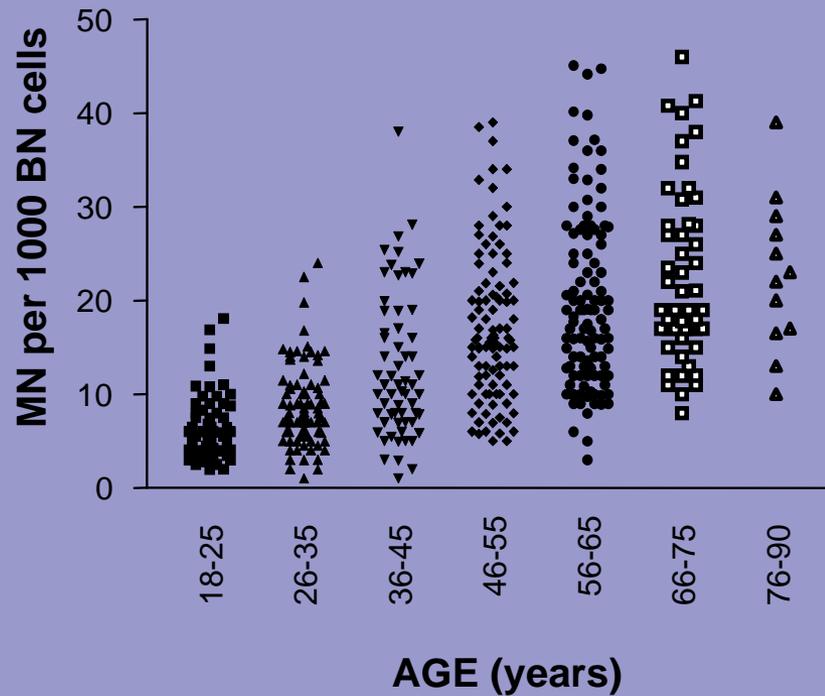
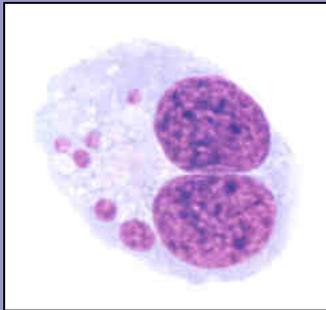


- Strand breaks in DNA
- Chromosome malsegregation
- DNA hypomethylation
- Telomere shortening

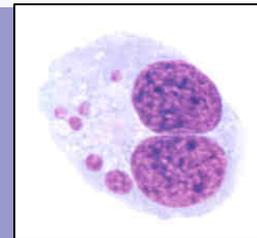


Human cells  
with damaged  
& unstable  
genomes

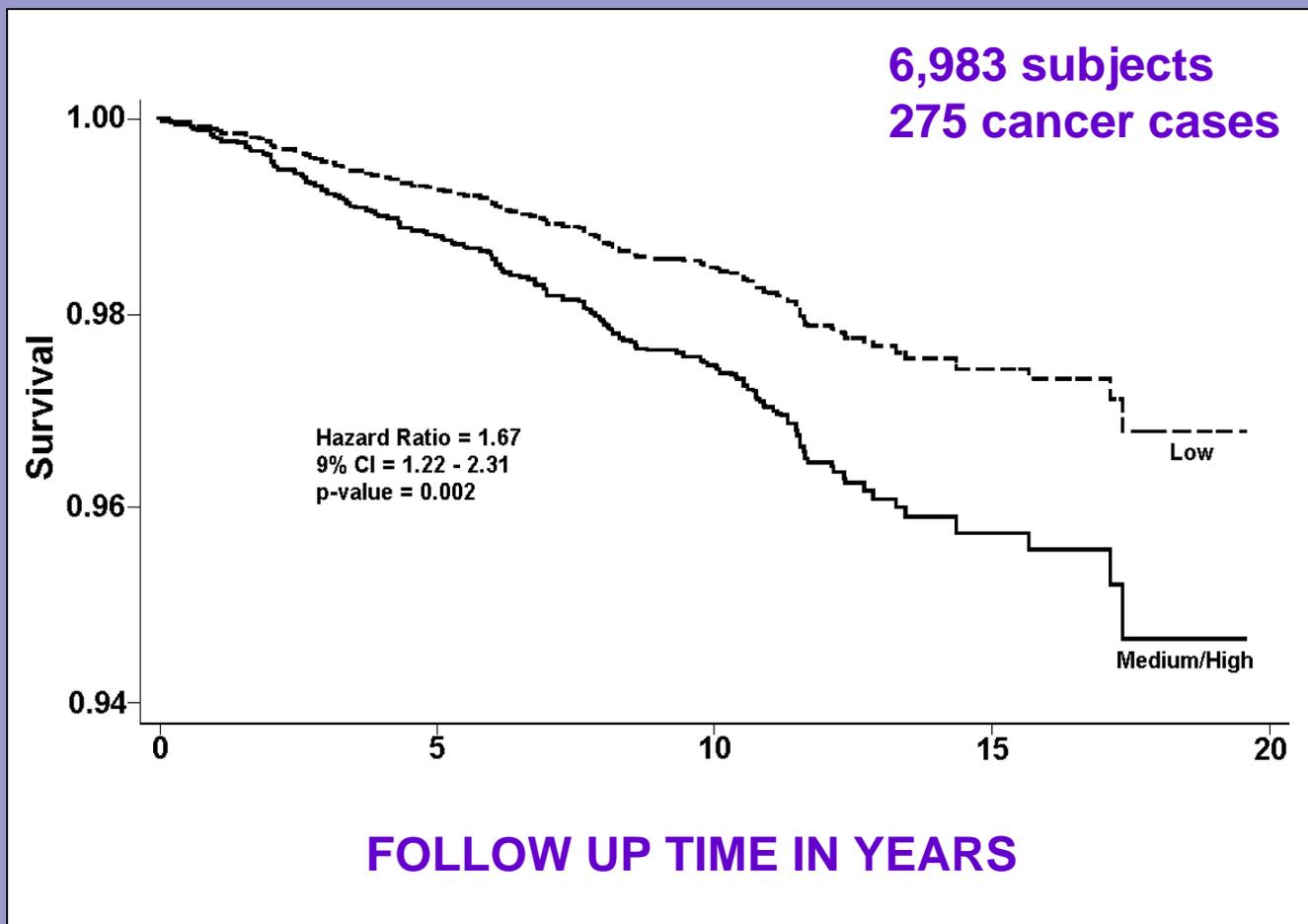
# Genome damage increases with age

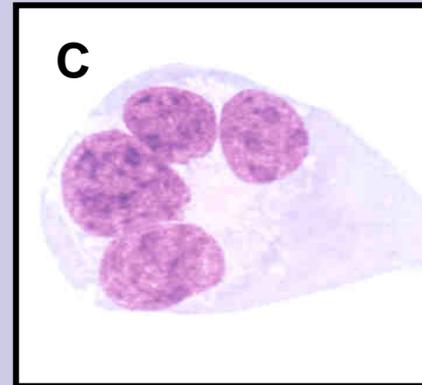
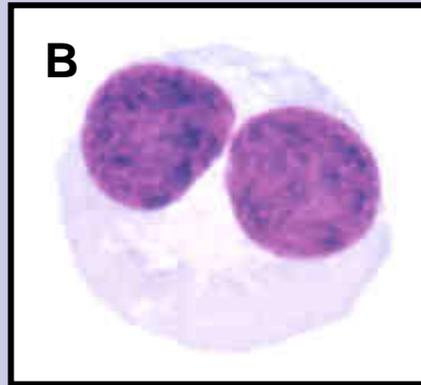
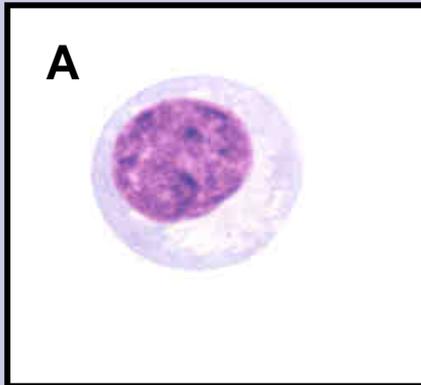


# Risk of cancer increases with higher MN frequency



PROBABILITY OF SURVIVING  
WITHOUT CANCER

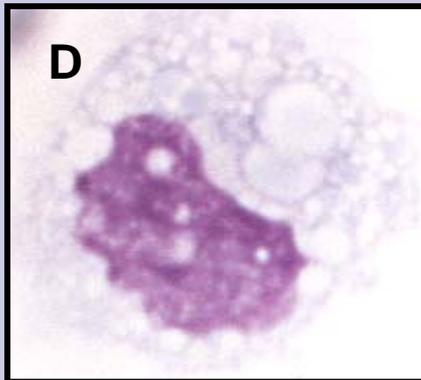




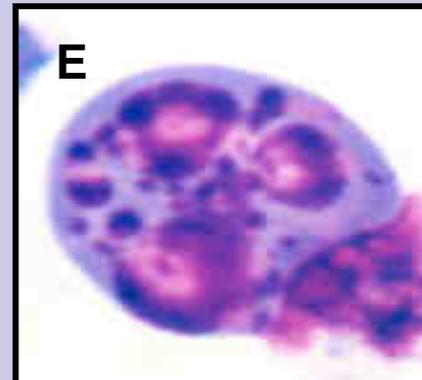
**A ,B, C**

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**NUCLEAR  
DIVISION  
INDEX**



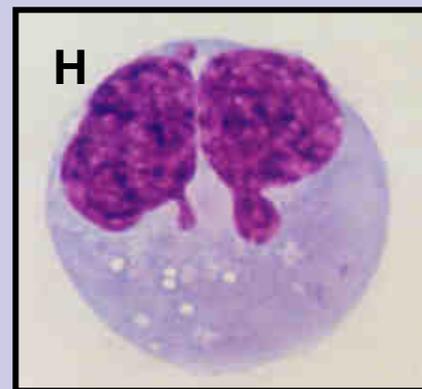
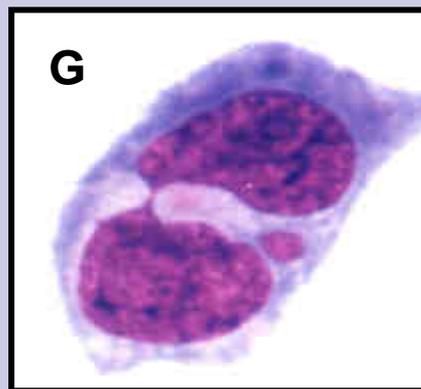
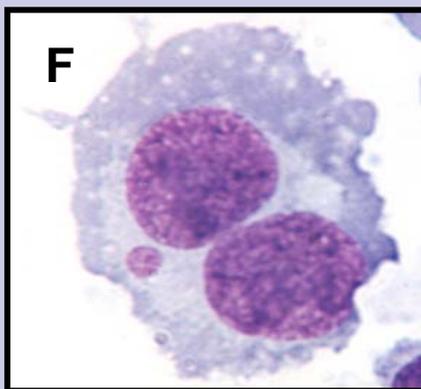
**CBMN  
CYTOME  
ASSAY**



**D,E**

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**CELL DEATH**



**F, G, H**

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**DNA DAMAGE**

# CORRELATION OF PLASMA MICRONUTRIENTS WITH CBMN CYTOME ASSAY BIOMARKERS IN LYMPHOCYTES

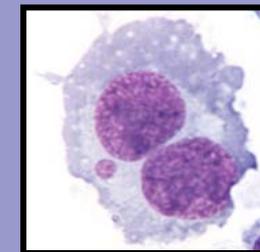
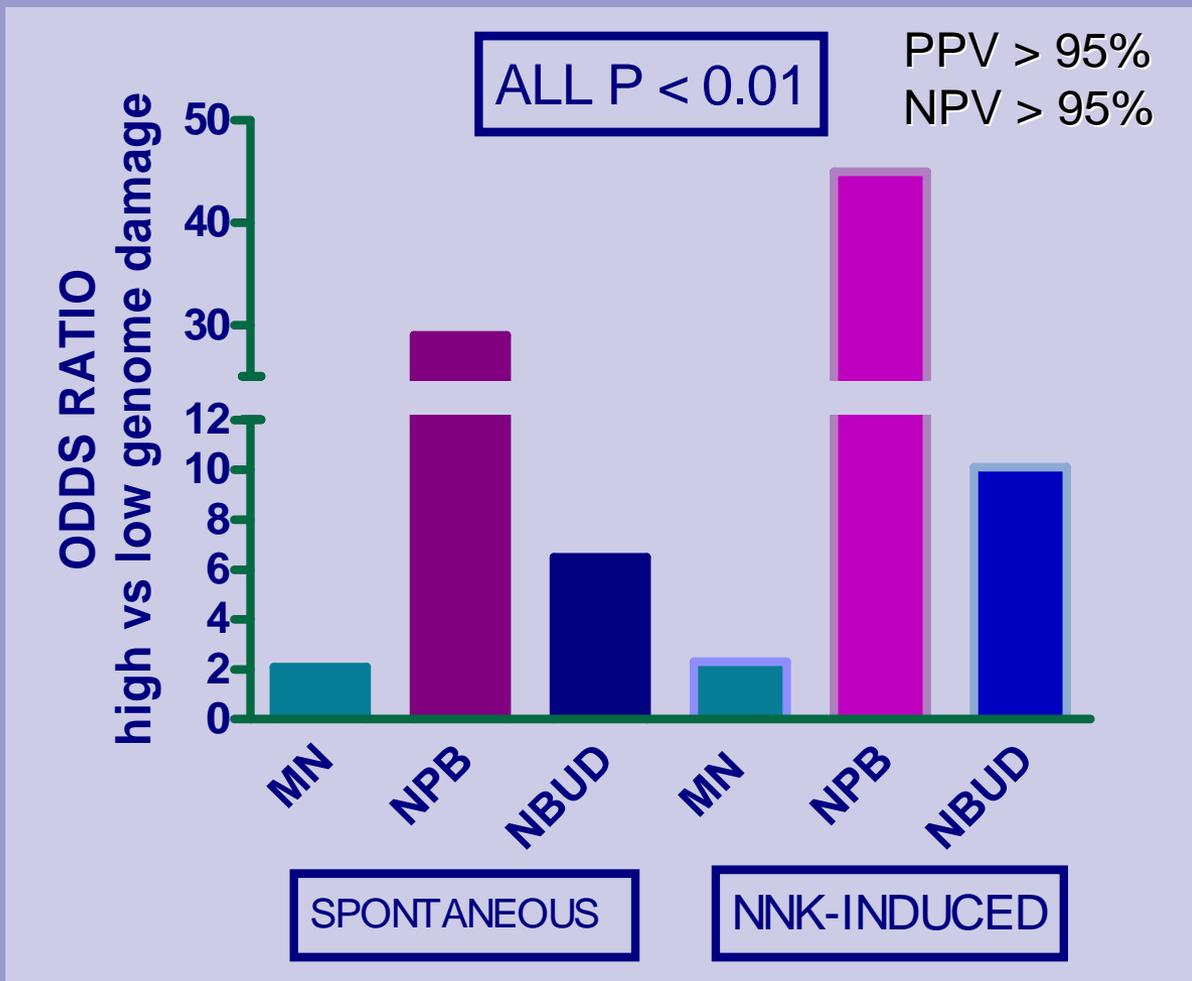
overweight/obese men (BMI>25kg/m<sup>2</sup>)

	PL Zn	PL Mg	PL Se	PL B12	PL FOL
<b>APOP</b>	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
<b>NECRO</b>	<b>-0.41*</b>	NS	NS	NS	NS
<b>NDI</b>	<b>0.34*</b>	<b>0.40*</b>	<b>0.34*</b>	NS	<b>0.49*</b>
<b>MN</b>	NS	NS	NS	<b>-0.32*</b>	<b>-0.33*</b>
<b>NPB</b>	NS	NS	<b>-0.46*</b>	NS	NS
<b>NBUD</b>	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS

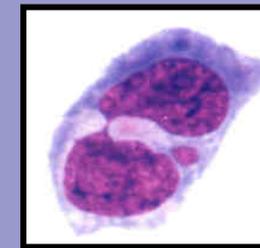
	PI Zn ug/ml	PI Mg ug/ml	PI Se ug/ml	PI B12 pmol/L	PI Fol nmol/L
N	40	40	40	40	40
Minimum	0.66	17	71.3	99	5.5
25% Percentile	0.835	18.05	91.2	184	9.9
Median	0.905	18.75	95.5	245.5	13.6
75% Percentile	1.04	20.1	104.9	303	17
Maximum	1.515	22.2	118.4	434	26.8

# LUNG CANCER RISK IN SMOKERS ASSOCIATED WITH CBMN ASSAY BIOMARKERS IN LYMPHOCYTES

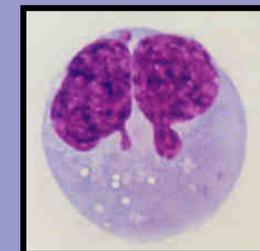
139 cases & 130 controls matched for age, gender & smoking history



MN  
Chromosome  
Breakage or  
loss

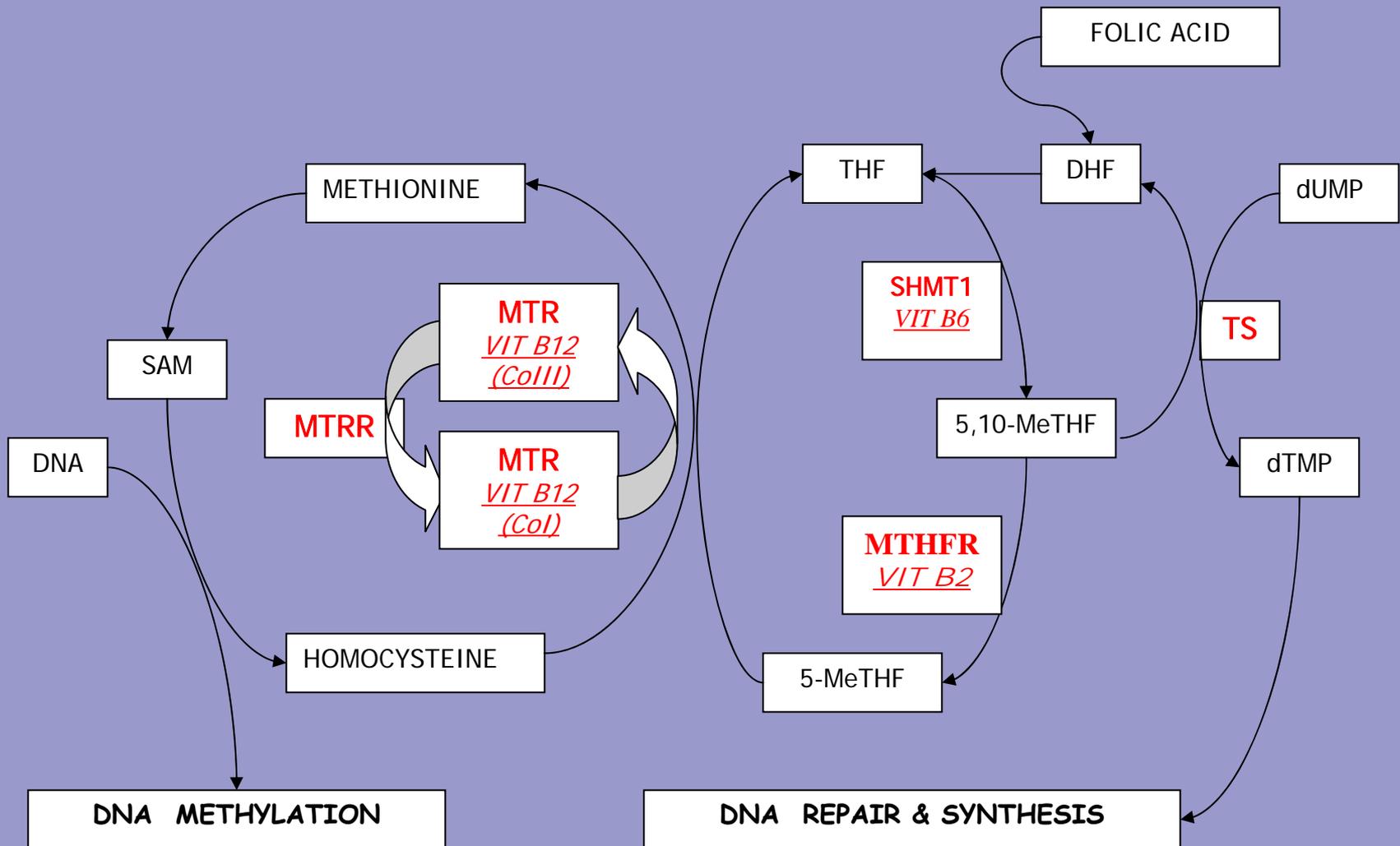


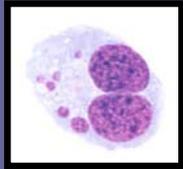
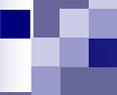
NPB :  
DNA Misrepair  
or Telomere  
dysfunction



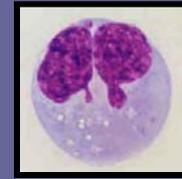
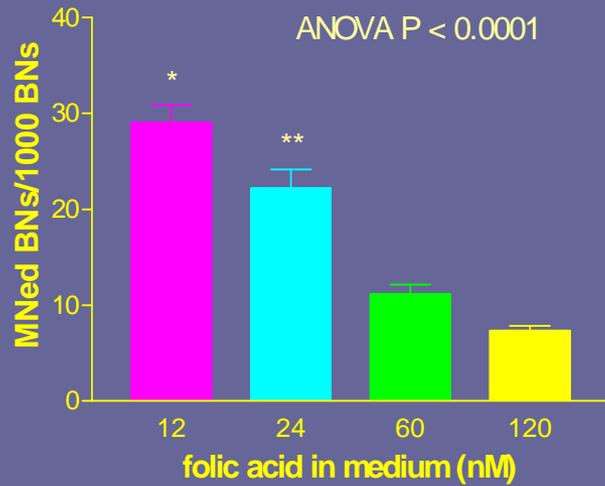
NBUD:  
Gene  
amplification

# Folate, B12, B6 and B2 and genome maintenance

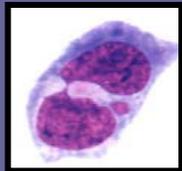
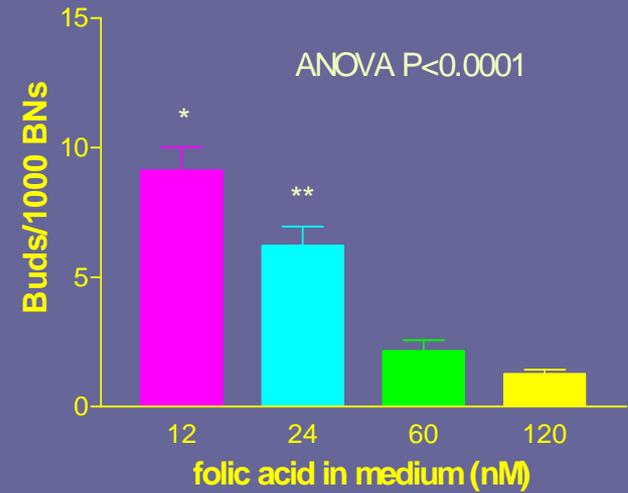




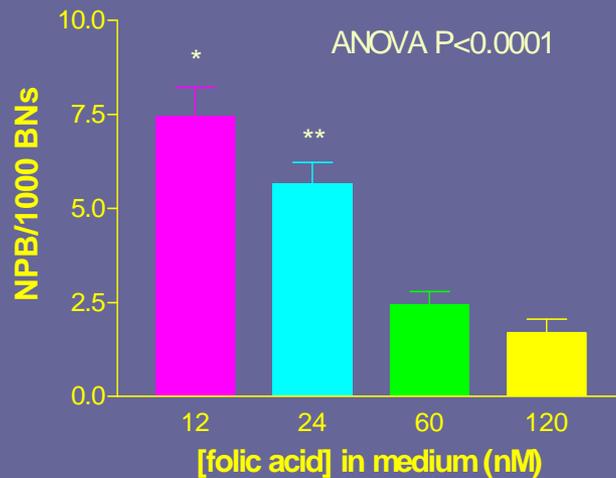
### [A] MICRONUCLEATED CELLS



### [B] NUCLEAR BUDS

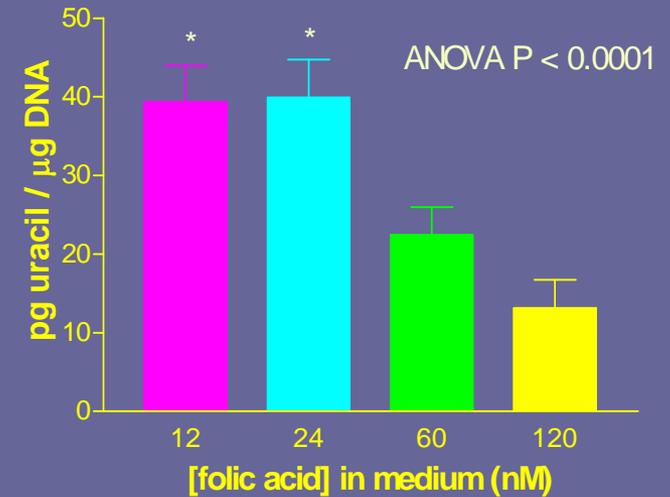


### [C] NUCLEOPLASMIC BRIDGES

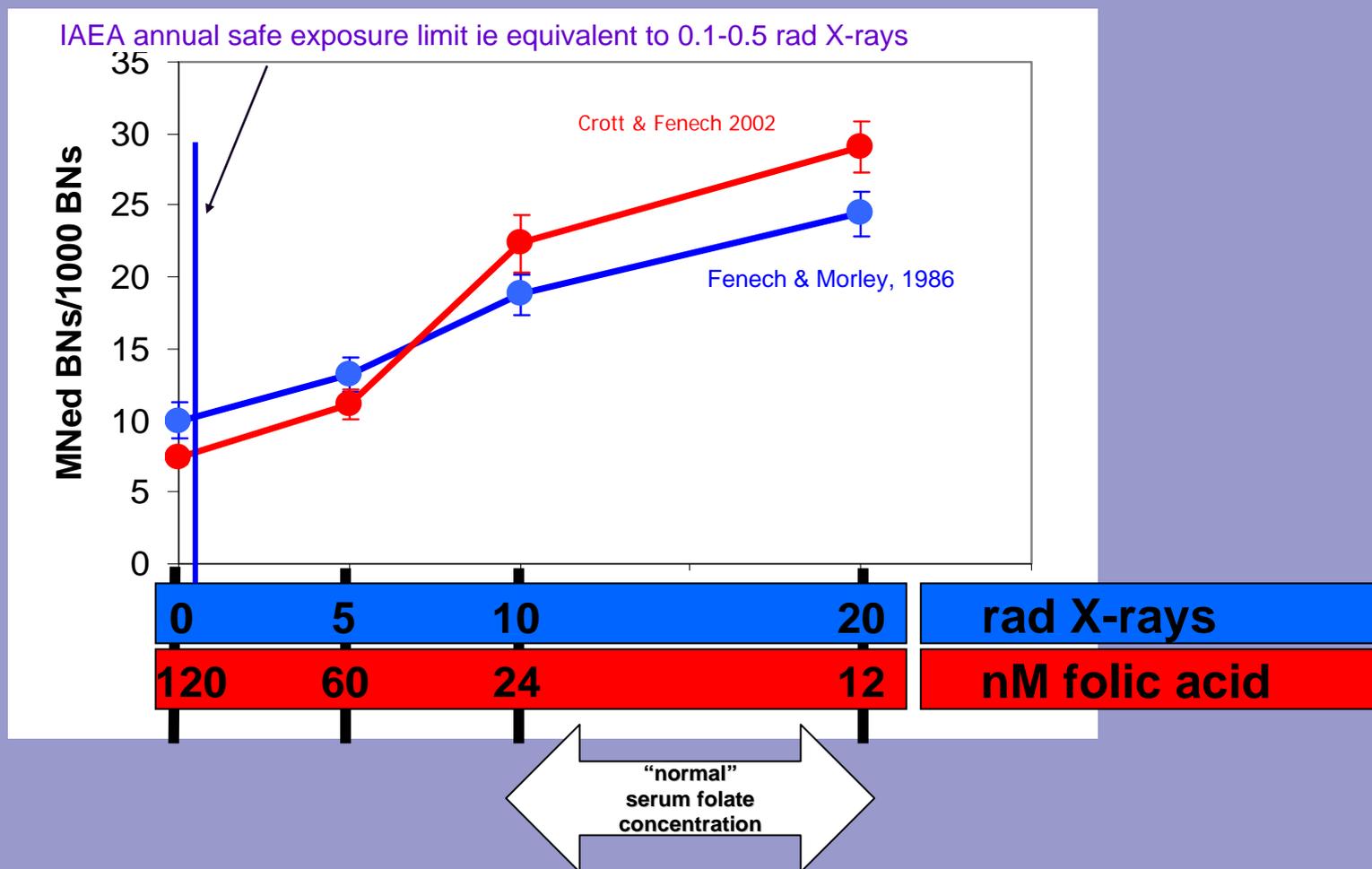


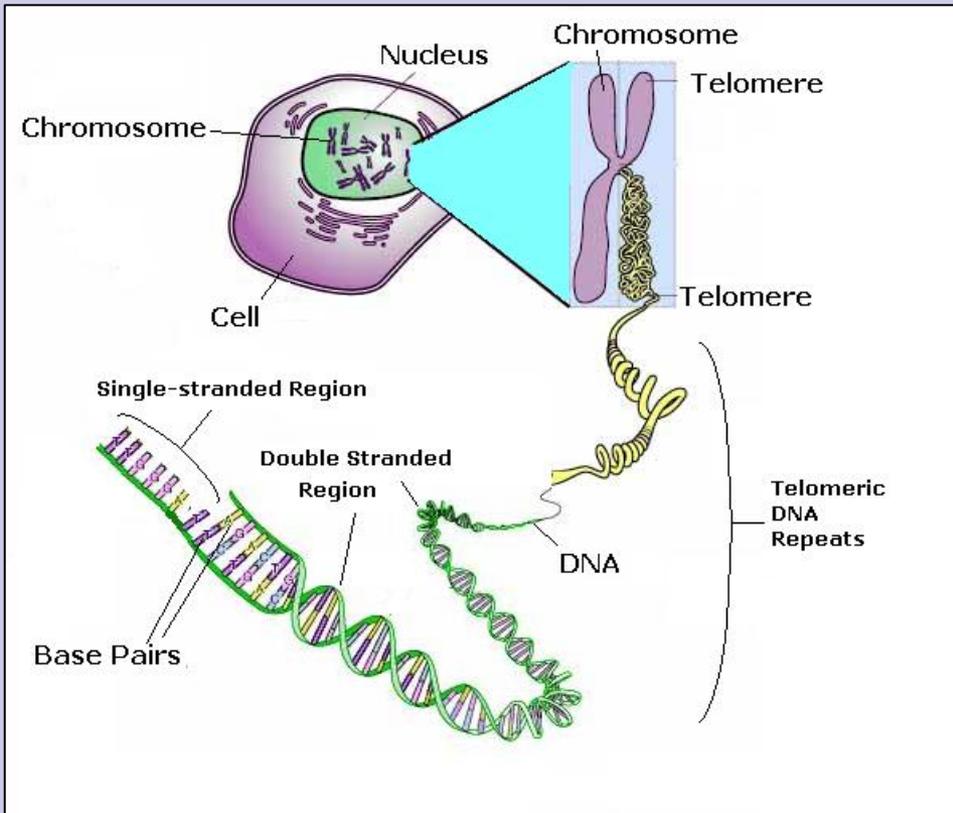
### [D]

### URACIL



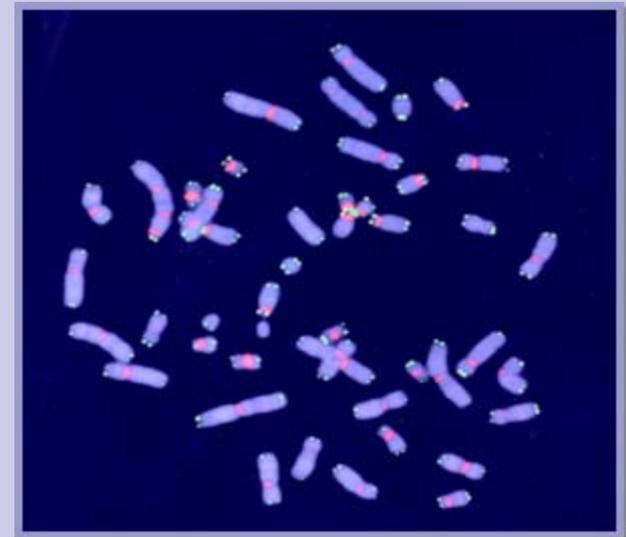
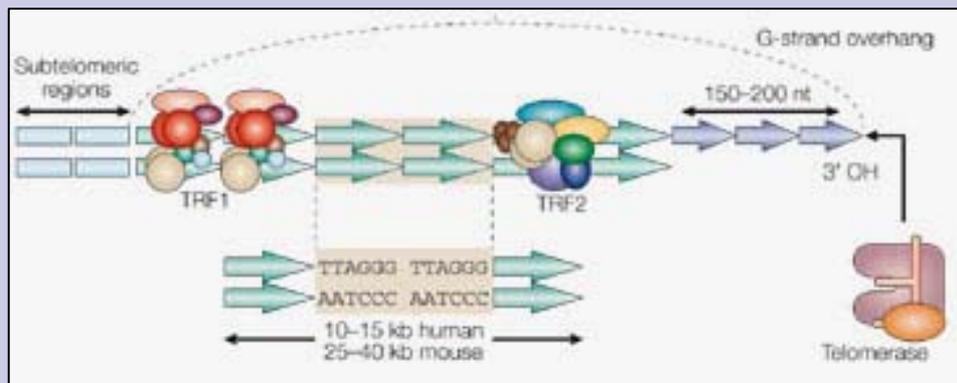
# Genome damage induction by Folic acid deficiency is as important as that induced by unsafe doses of ionising radiation

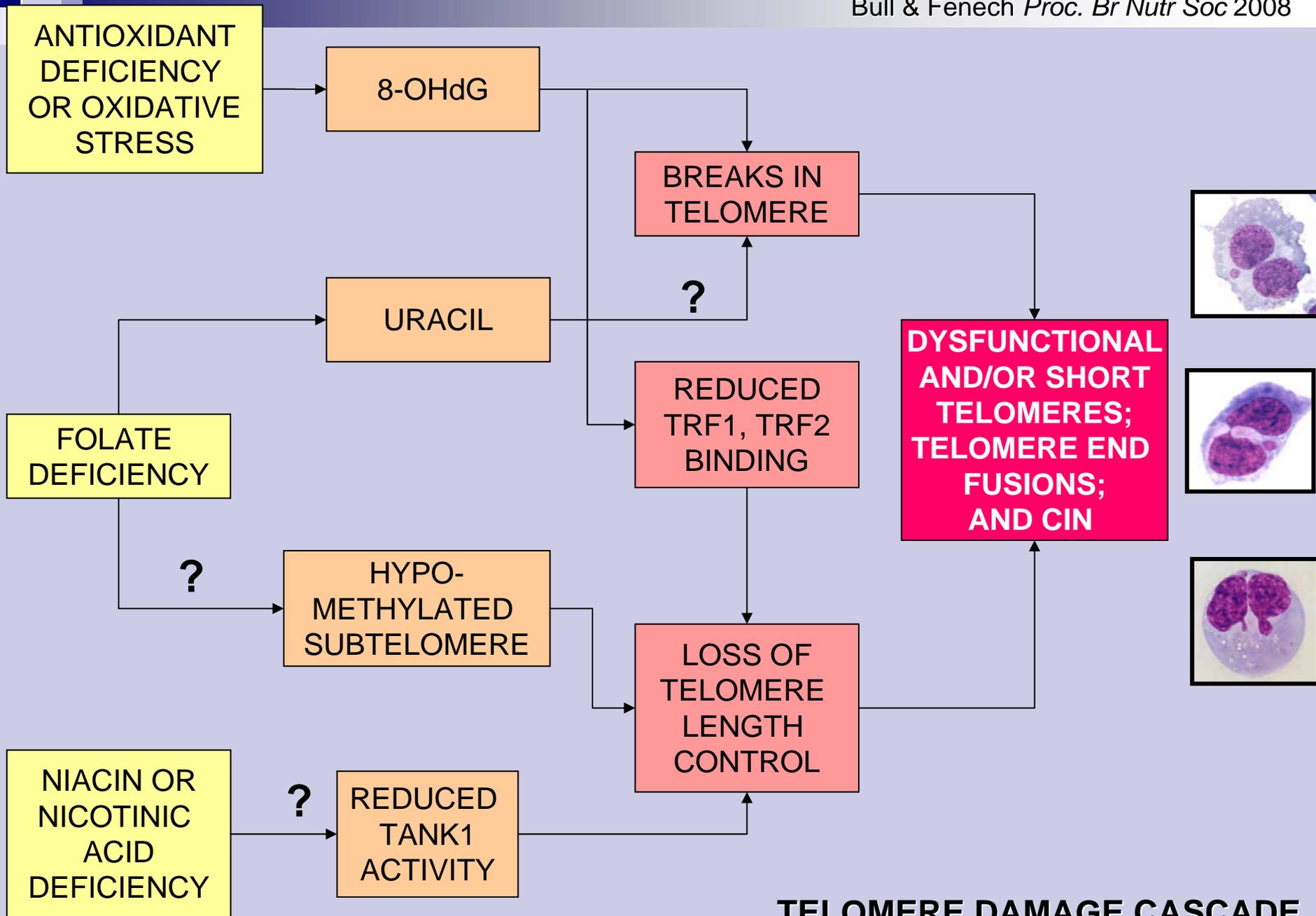




**TELOMERES ARE ESSENTIAL FOR CHROMOSOME STABILITY**

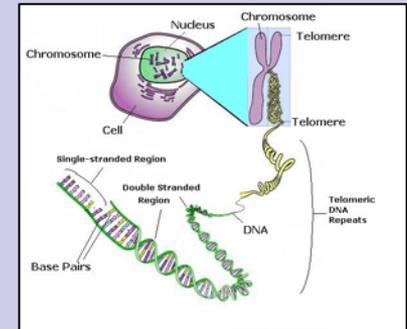
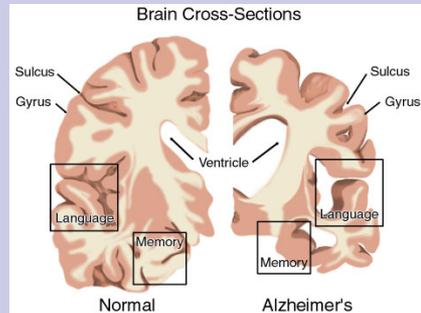
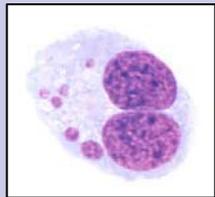
**TELOMERE SHORTENING OR DYSFUNCTION INCREASES RISK FOR CANCER AND ACCELERATES AGEING**



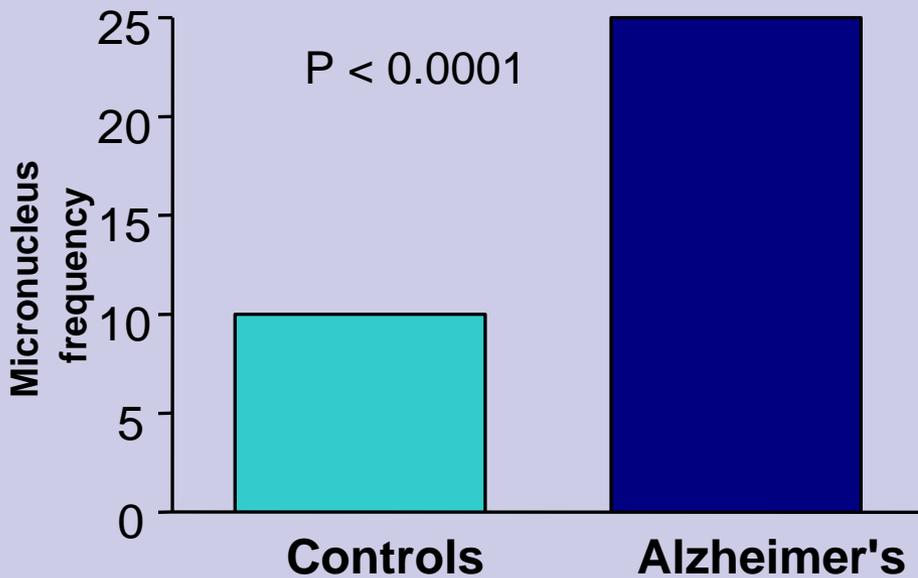


**TELOMERE DAMAGE CASCADE**

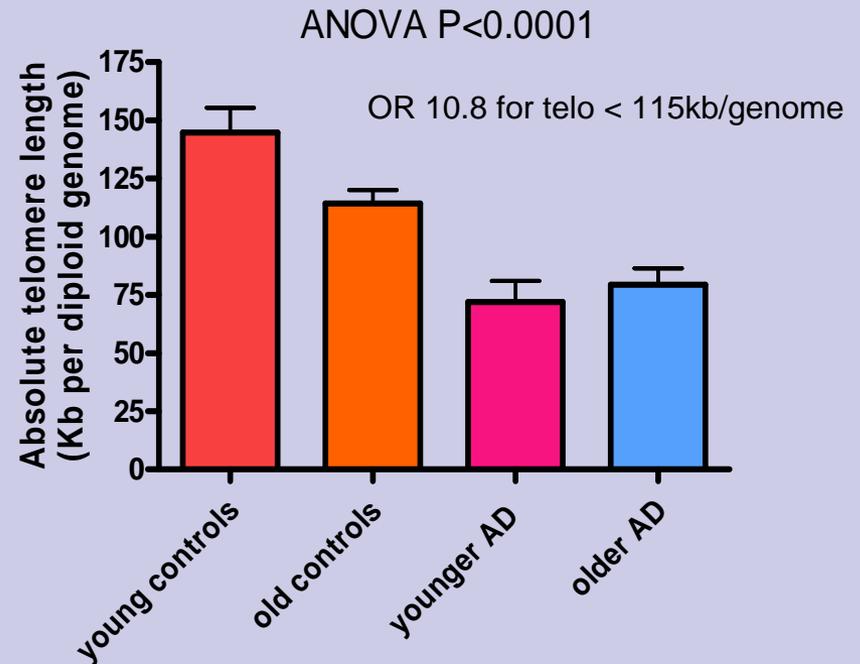
# Increased lymphocyte DNA damage is associated with Alzheimer's disease



## LYMPHOCYTE TELOMERE LENGTH IS REDUCED IN ALZHEIMER DISEASE



Migliore et al (1999) Cytogenetics Cell Genetics



Thomas et al 2008 Mech Age. Dev.

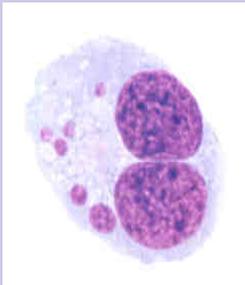
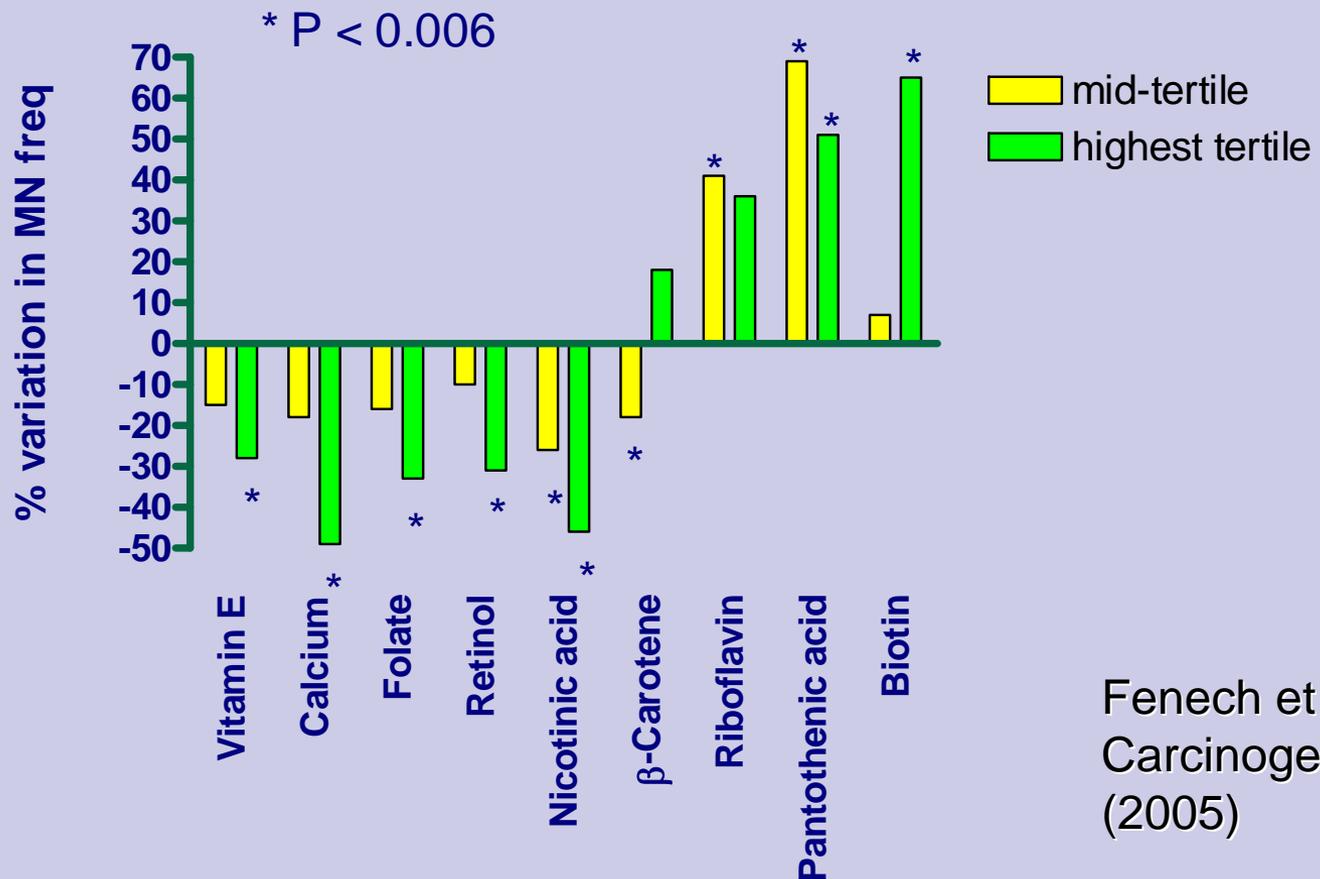
# Dietary factors associated with reduced risk of Alzheimer disease

- Vitamin E (from foods)
- Folate and Vitamin B12 (from foods and supplements)
- Niacin
- Fish at least once per week
- Moderate intake of wine (1-6 drinks/week)
- Less calories and less saturated fat

# MICRONUTRIENTS AND GENOME DAMAGE

RESULTS OF ANALYSIS OF FOOD FREQUENCY QUESTIONNAIRE AND GENOME DAMAGE DATABASE

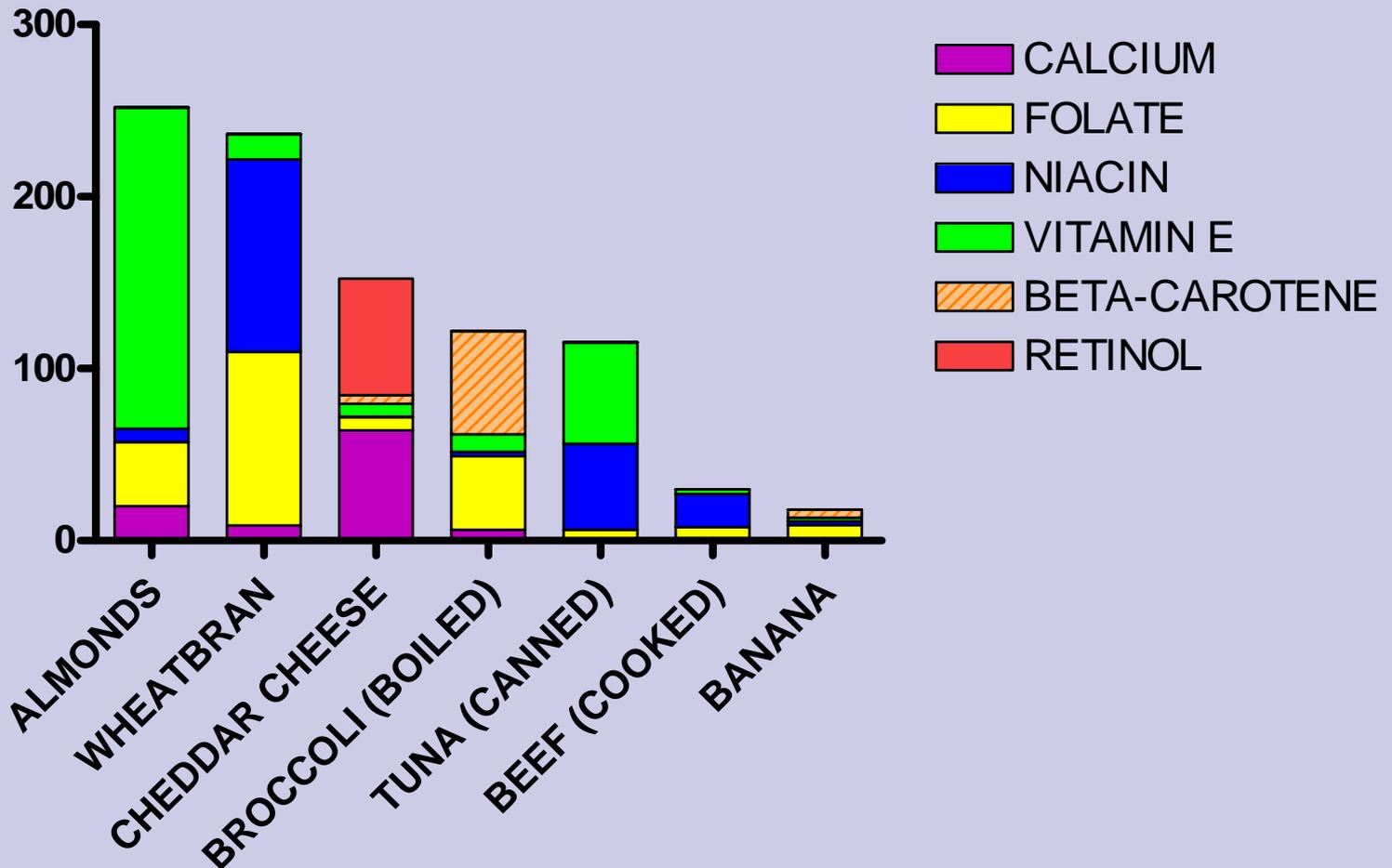
**% variation in genome damage with increased intake relative to lowest tertile of intake**



Fenech et al.  
Carcinogenesis  
(2005)

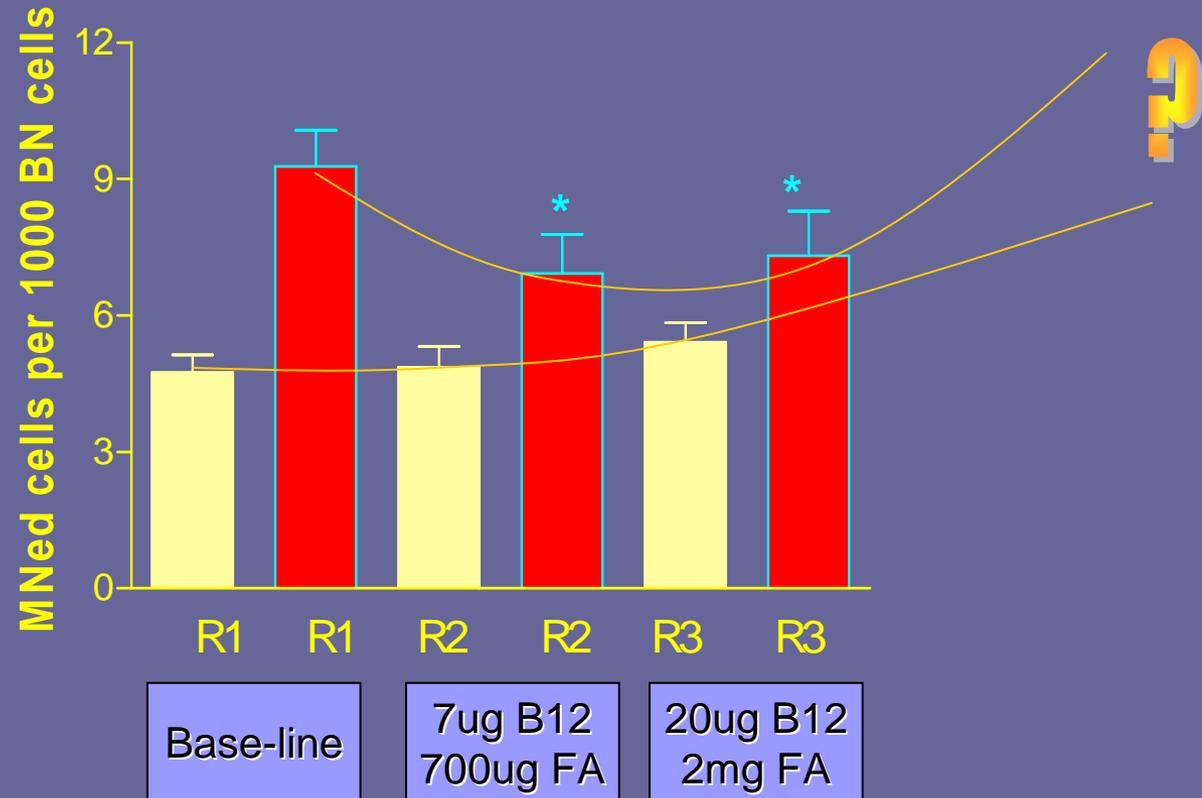
Q. Which dietary pattern will work for your genotype ?

A. It depends on the “nutriome” of the foods you prefer to eat

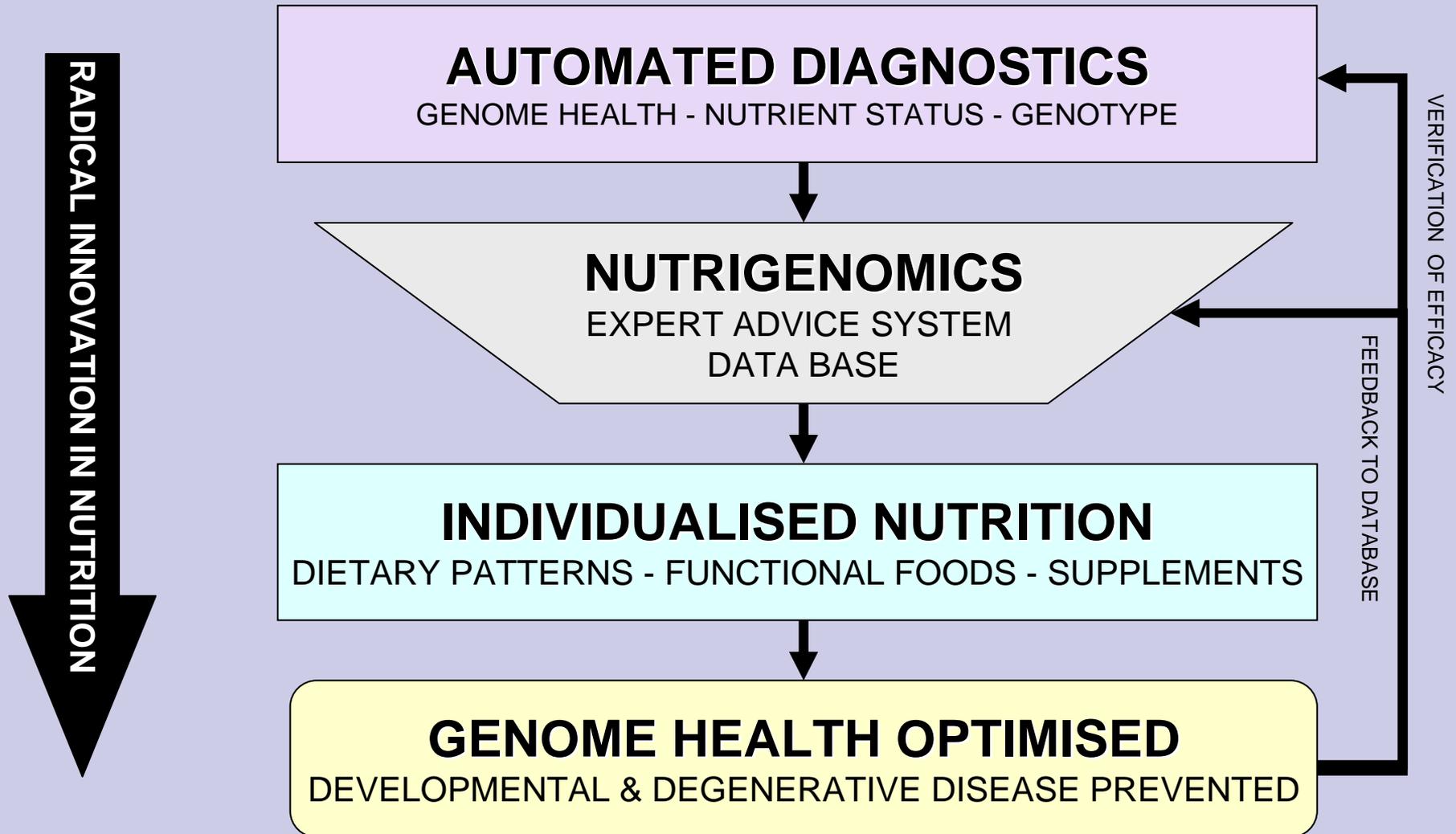


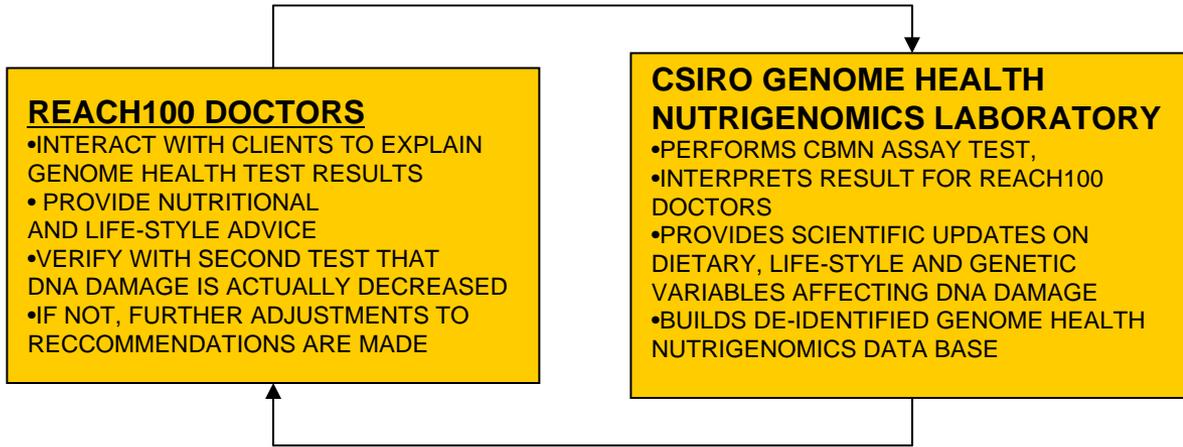
# Supplementation with 3.5 times RDI folic acid & vit B12 reduces micronucleus index by 25 % in subjects with above average chromosome instability

■ Low MNed cell freq. at R1. [N = 17] ANOVA P = 0.65  
■ High MNed cell freq. at R1. [N = 16] ANOVA P < 0.0005



# GENOME HEALTH CLINIC





**REACH100 DOCTORS**

- INTERACT WITH CLIENTS TO EXPLAIN GENOME HEALTH TEST RESULTS
- PROVIDE NUTRITIONAL AND LIFE-STYLE ADVICE
- VERIFY WITH SECOND TEST THAT DNA DAMAGE IS ACTUALLY DECREASED
- IF NOT, FURTHER ADJUSTMENTS TO RECOMMENDATIONS ARE MADE

**CSIRO GENOME HEALTH NUTRIGENOMICS LABORATORY**

- PERFORMS CBMN ASSAY TEST,
- INTERPRETS RESULT FOR REACH100 DOCTORS
- PROVIDES SCIENTIFIC UPDATES ON DIETARY, LIFE-STYLE AND GENETIC VARIABLES AFFECTING DNA DAMAGE
- BUILDS DE-IDENTIFIED GENOME HEALTH NUTRIGENOMICS DATA BASE



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- 40 labs
- 16 countries
- >12,000 subjects
- >70,000 person years

