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# Strategie per lo studio della malattia vascolare e aterotrombotica

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## **Obiettivi specifici sono:**

Valutazione personalizzata in prevenzione primaria e secondaria del rischio vascolare aterotrombotico mediante marcatori biumorali, genetici, cellulari e della funzione endoteliale;

Valutazione dell'efficacia della terapia antiaggregante in pazienti vascolari ad alto rischio;

Farmacogenetica di farmaci antiaggreganti, anticoagulanti ed ipolipidemizzanti;

Ricerca/diagnostica genetico-molecolare della Sindrome di Marfan e disordini correlati;

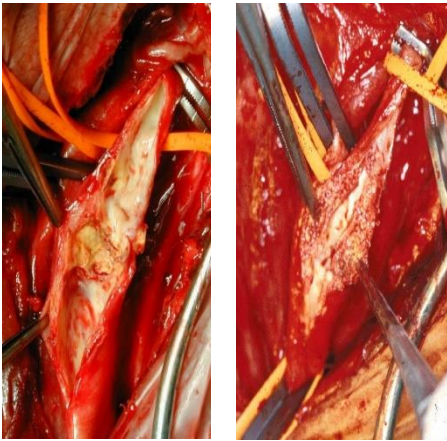
Ricerca/Diagnostica genetico-molecolare dei difetti ereditari della coagulazione e piastrinopatie;

Ricerca/Diagnostica genetico molecolare delle dislipidemie;

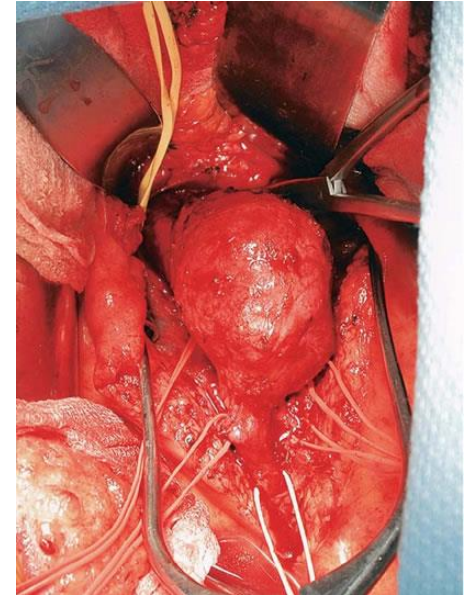
Implementazione dello studio della fibrinolisi con metodi globali;

Coordinamento e manutenzione della Rete dell' AOU Careggi per l'utilizzo accurato dei POCT per l'emostasi

# Carotid artery stenosis



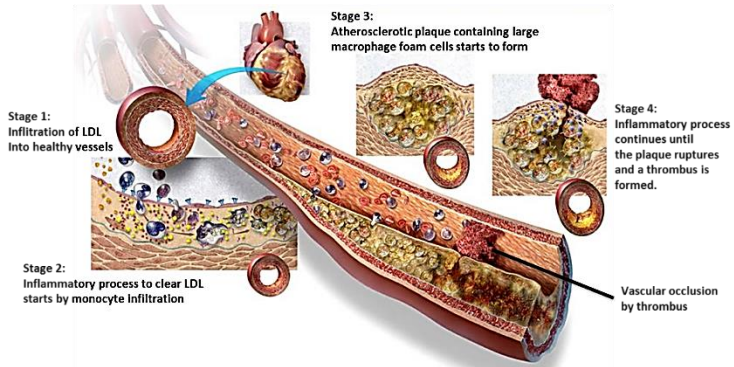
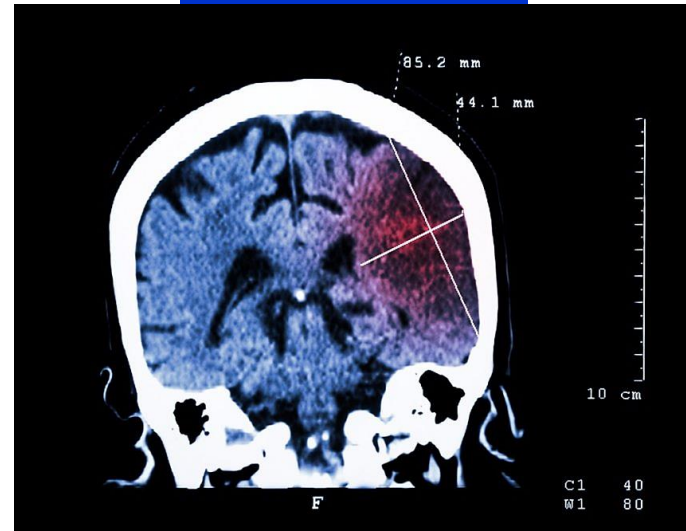
# Thoracic/Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm



# Familial Hypercholesterolemia



# Ischemic Stroke



# Tasks

1. Deepening knowledge on the pathophysiological mechanisms of cardiovascular and atherothrombotic diseases

DIAGNOSTICS

RESEARCH

DIAGNOSTIC

RESEARCH

2. assessing the atherothrombotic cardiovascular risk in primary and secondary prevention

3. identifying new potential biomarkers and therapeutic target

4. evaluating the efficacy of medical therapies



# Aree Laboratorio Integrato

**Biologia Molecolare**  
**Genomica e Trascrittomica**

**Estrazione Acidi Nucleici (DNA, RNA, miRNA)**

manuale, automazione piccoli e grandi volumi

**Analisi quantitativa e qualitativa acidi nucleici**

**Genotipizzazione**

RFLP in parziale automazione

Real Time Taqman

GenomeLab SNPStream

Affymetrix

**Espressione genica**

Real Time PCR

Two-color

Affymetrix

**Tecnologie di screening mutazionali**

(DHPLC, real time HRM)

**Sequenziamento**

**Citofluorimetria e Sorting cellulare**

**Proteomica**

**Dosaggi singoli analiti ELISA in parziale automazione**

**Bioplex**

**Western Blot**

**Elettroforesi Bidimensionale**

**Spettrometria di Massa**

**HPLC**

**Microscopia**

**Colture Cellulari**

**Modelli Animali**

**Ingegneria genetica**

**Bioinformatica**

# DNA EXTRACTION, QUANTITATIVE/QUALITATIVE EVALUATION, AMPLIFICATION

Freedom EVO 150 platform (Tecan Life Sciences)



QIASymphony 9001297 platform (QIAGEN)



Nanodrop Spectrophotometer

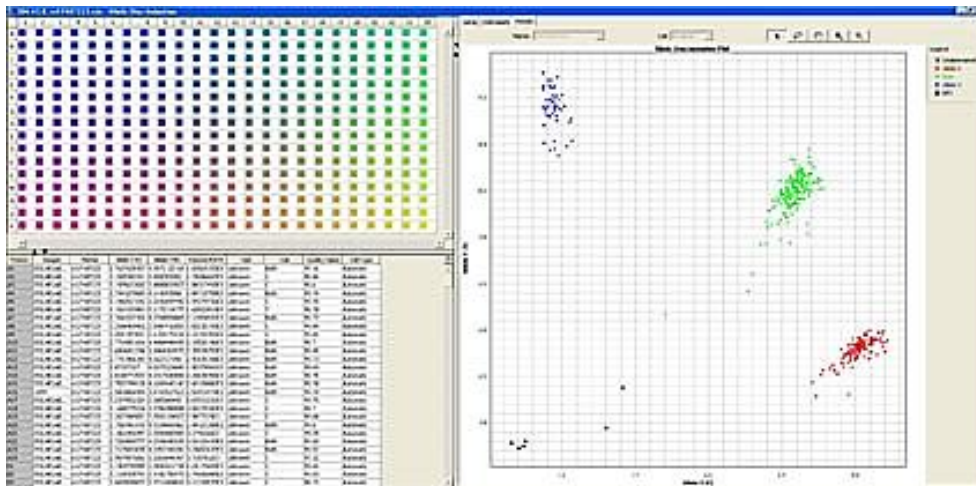


T100™ Thermal Cycler (BIO-RAD)



# GENOTYPING OF SNPs

## 7900 HT Fast Real-Time PCR (Applied Biosystems)



Versatile research tool using industry-standard 96- and 384-well formats. In addition, it can also run novel 384-well TaqMan® Low Density Arrays and is equipped with a Fast 96-well block that reduces run times from 2 hours to about 30 minutes.

# GENOTYPING OF SNPs

## Droplet Digital™ PCR (BIO-RAD)



Reagents and consumables



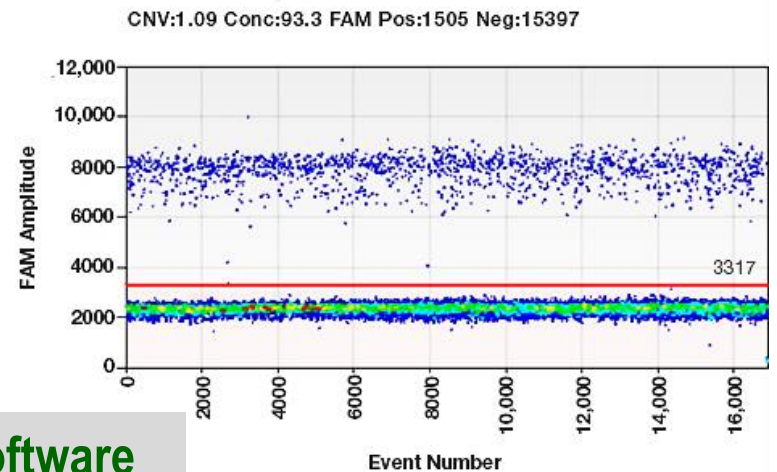
Droplet reader

Droplet generator

Thermocycler

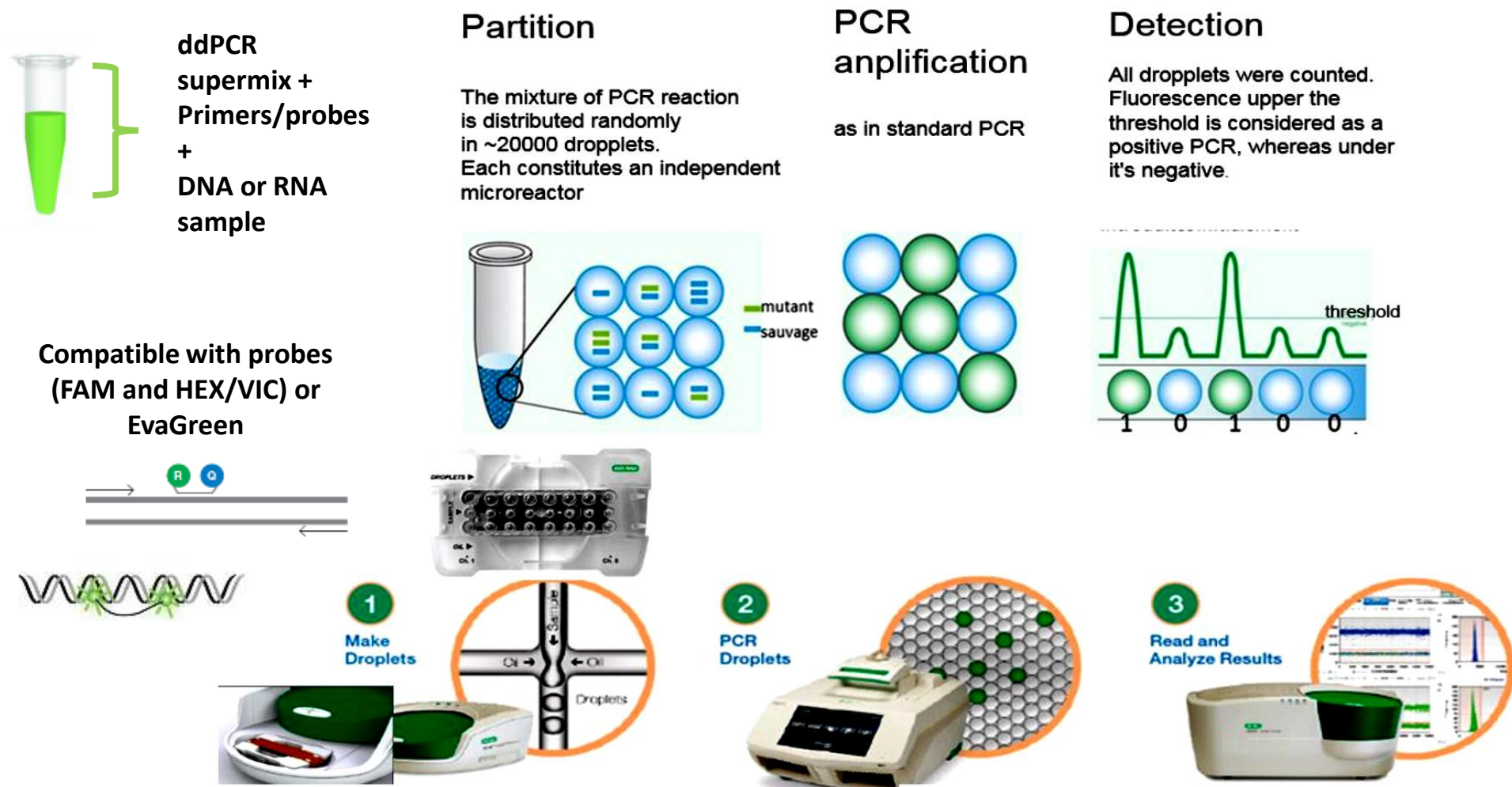


QuantaSoft™ Software





- **Nanodroplet PCR reactions are independent, single amplification events**
- **Partitioning Increases Relative Abundance of Rare Events [0.1% mutant abundance (40 mutant molecules/40,000 wildtype)]**
- **Droplet Readings Converted to a Digital Signal**



## TECHNICAL ADVANTAGES OF ddPCR

### ABSOLUTE QUANTIFICATION

- Input target counting
- No relative quantification
- End-point measurement

### HIGH PRECISION

- Reproducibility
- Discriminability

### HIGH SENSITIVITY

- Rare events

### Used for challenging applications

- Detect < 2-fold difference of DNA target between samples
- Quantitate low input concentration of DNA target
- Quantitate a rare DNA target in a large wild-type background

### DETECTION OF

- COPY NUMBER VARIATIONS (CNVs)
- MOSAICISM EVENTS AT FREQUENCIES <1%
- RARE MUTATIONS EVENTS (cancer mutations, prenatal diagnosis, transplanted organs)
- microRNA
- METHYLATION
- TELOMERASE [telomere repeat amplification protocol (TRAP) assay]

# PHARMACOGENETICS

Association of CYP2C19\*2 loss-of-function polymorphism with occurrence of major adverse cardiovascular events (MACE) in high risk vascular patients.

Study	N Subjects	Treatment	Outcome	CYP2C19 alleles	Association
Trenk et al. [2008]					No
Sibbing et al. [2009]					
Collet et al. [2009]					0.02)
Giusti et al. [2009]	772 PCI	75 mg/day maintaining	ST (6 months)	*2	Yes (OR=2.70) Yes (OR=3.43)
Sibbing et al. [2009]	2485 PCI+stent	600 mg LD + 75 mg/day maintaining	ST (30 days)	*2	Yes (HR=3.81)

- STATINS

- ANTIHYPERTENSIVE

DRUGS

# GENETIC SUSCEPTIBILITY

Characteristics	Control subjects (n = 423)	AAA (n = 423)	P value
Age, years	72.0 (41-94)	73.5 (40-94)	.651
Sex (male)	366 (86.5)	376 (88.9)	.295
Smoking habit	267 (63.1)	366 (86.5)	<.0001
Diabetes	49 (11.6)	41 (9.7)	.372
Hypertension	179 (42.3)	302 (71.4)	<.0001
Dyslipidemia	50 (11.8)	195 (46.1)	<.0001
COPD	66 (15.6)	311 (73.5)	<.0001
CAD	107 (25.3)	163 (38.5)	<.0001
CVD	38 (9.0)	111 (26.2)	<.0001
POAD	67 (15.8)	118 (27.9)	<.0001
Aortic diameter, mm	19 (12-47)	50 (31-98)	<.0001

COPD, Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; CAD, coronary artery disease; CVD, cerebrovascular disease; POAD, peripheral occlusive arterial disease.

Continuous data are presented as median (range) and categorical data as number (%).

**The condition of having  $\geq 6$  genetic risk factors determines a risk of AAA:**

**OR=6.32 (3.46-11.52),  
p<0.000000001**

\*Giusti B, et al.  
Saracini C et al.  
Galora S, et al.  
Galora S, et al.

J Med Genet 2008  
J Vasc Surg 2012  
J Vasc Surg 2013  
J Vasc Surg 2015

Polymorphisms	OR (95%CI)	p
rs4988300 LRP5 (T allele)	1.62 (1.02-2.56)	0.040
rs3781590 LRP5 (T allele)	1.83 (1.17-2.85)	0.008
rs1466535 LRP1 (T allele)	1.85 (1.20-2.84)	0.010
rs243865 MMP2 (CC genotype)	1.81 (1.17-2.94)	0.007
rs3025058 MMP3 (5A allele)	1.82 (1.04-3.12)	0.034
rs2252070 MMP13 (GG genotype)	2.14 (1.18-3.86)	0.012
rs2071307 ELN (GG genotype)	1.56 (1.01-2.44)	0.046
rs8003379 MTHFD1 (GG genotype)	2.44 (1.54-3.85)	<0.0001
rs326118 MTRR (GG genotype)	2.13 (1.30-3.45)	0.003

**Familial Hypercholesterolemia**

**Dyslipidemia**

**Hypertriglyceridemia**

**LDLR, APOB, PCSK9, LDLRAP1, APOE, APOA2, APOA5, LIPI, ABCA1, EPHX2, PPP1R17, GHR, ITIH4, BTN2A1, NPC1L1, ABCG5, ABCG8, APOA1, APOC3, APOA4, LIPC, LPL, PON1, CETP, LRP1, SREBF1, SCARB1, SREBF2, GCKR, CREB3L3, APOC2, CELSR2, SLC22A1, HFE, MYLIP, ST3GAL4, NYNRIN, CH25H, INSIG2, DAB2, STAP1, GPIHBP1, LMF1, SLCO1B1, ABCG2, ABCB1, HMGCR, ANGPTL3, GPD1, LCAT, MTP, NPC1, NPC2, OSBPL5, SAR1B**

**HDL deficiencies**

**Polygenic FH**

**Pharmacogenetics**

**Targeted 55 genes panel (FH)**

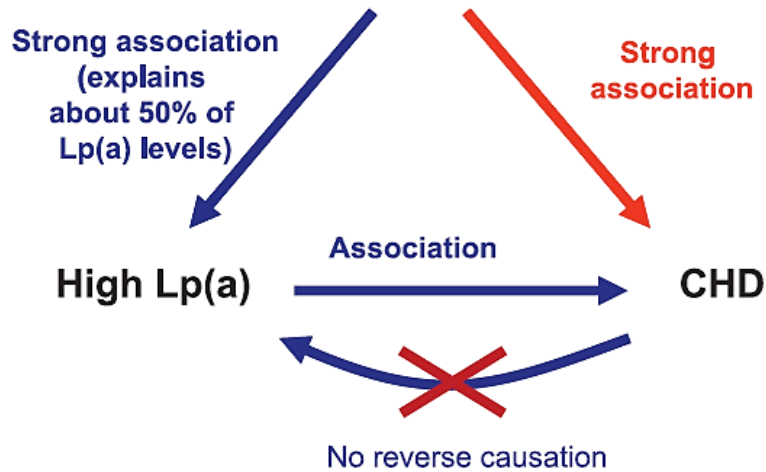
**Targeted 97 genes panel (MFS and related disorders)**

**COL11A1; MTHFR; PLOD1; ADAMTSL4; MFAP2; PTGS2; SKI; TGFB2; CAPN2; AGT; MTR; TGFB3; FGF8; RET; ACTA2; B3GAT3; LTBP3; EFEMP2/fbln4; LRP5; CCND1; LRP6; COL2A1; LRP1; DCN; LTBP2; TGFB3; FBLN5; ADAMTS17; CHST14; FBN1; SMAD3; MYH11; ABCC6; MAPK3; PDIA2; AXIN1; MMP2; CRYBA1; COL1A1; ACE; KCNJ2; EMILIN2; SMAD2; SMAD4; LTBP4; TGFB1; ADAMTS10; MMADHC; ACVR1; COL3A1; COL5A2; FN1; COL6A3; EMILIN1; LTBP1; JAG1; EMILIN3; MMP9; SLC2A10; GATA5; CBS; COL6A1; COL6A2; UFD1L; MAPK1; VHL; ZPLD1; MYLK; AGTR1; PDCD10; TGFB2; FBN2; NKX2-5; B4GALT7; ADAMTS2; AGGF1; MTRR; NOS3; HOXA1; CCM2; KRIT1; COL1A2; TGFB1; PTGS1; ENG; COL5A1; NOTCH1; GNAQ; AGTR2; FLNA; ELN; COL9A1; COL11A2; TNXB**

# Lipoprotein(a): resurrected by genetics

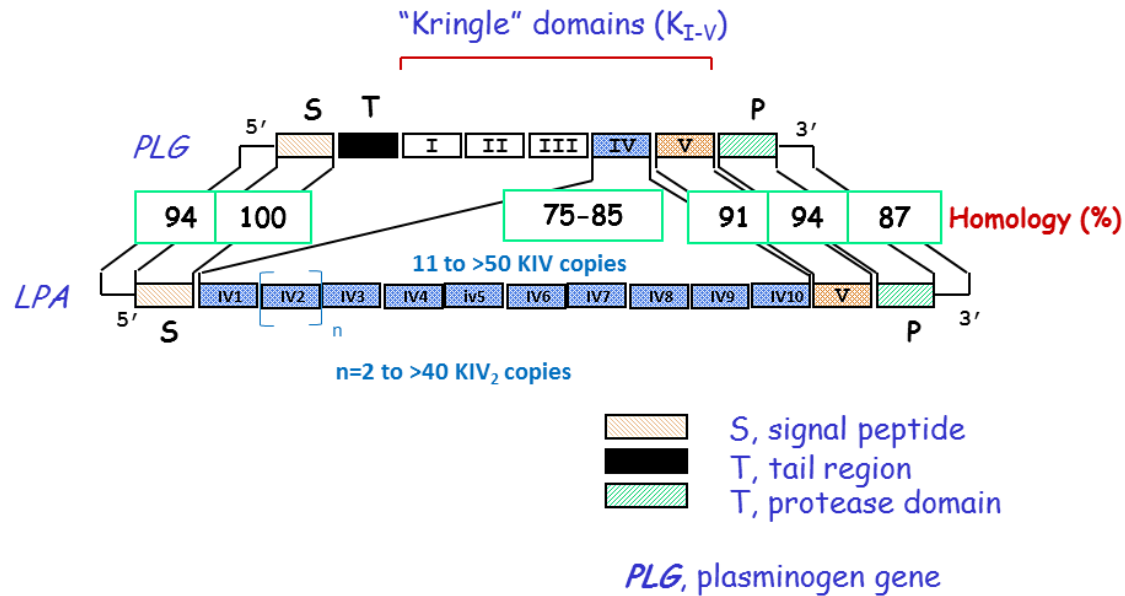
■ F. Kronenberg<sup>1</sup> & G. Utermann<sup>2</sup>

**Small apo(a) alleles**  
(= 11–22 KIV copies)



**Kringle IV: classes 1-10**  
Each class is present as a single copy, except kringle IV class 2 that is present in multiple copies (from 2 to >40 in one allele)

## Apolipoprotein (a) gene (*LPA*)



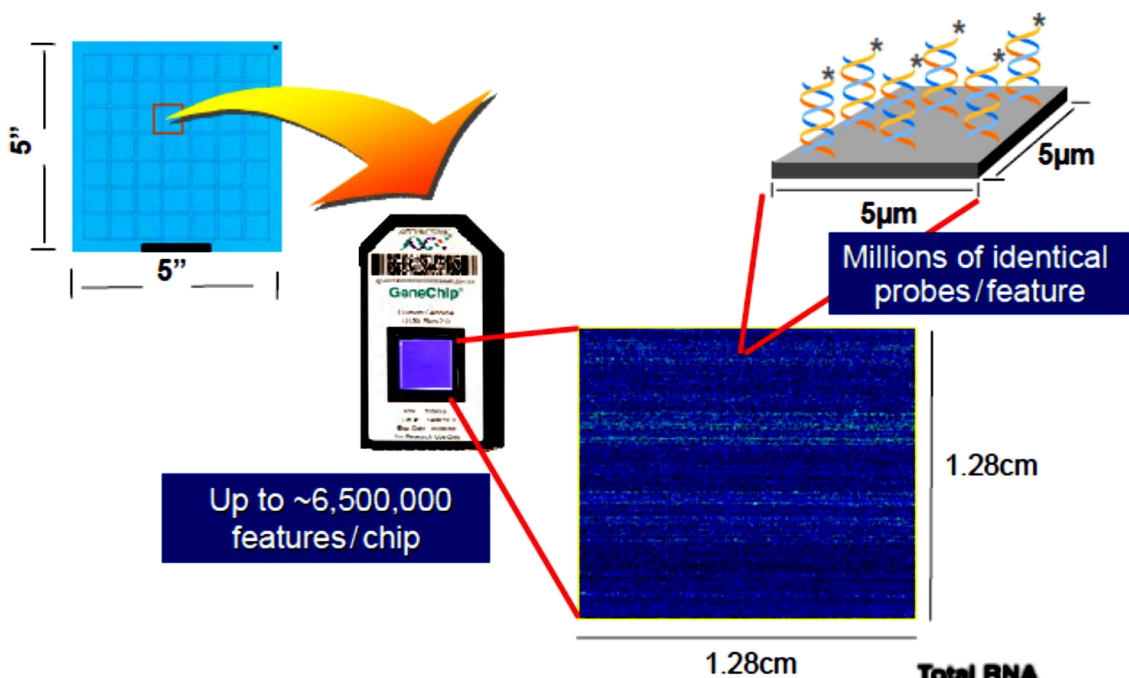
➔ many isoforms of apo(a) (from 300 to 800 KD)

**LMW** = Higher Lp(a) levels / **HMW** = Lower Lp(a) levels

# Tecnologia Affymetrix:

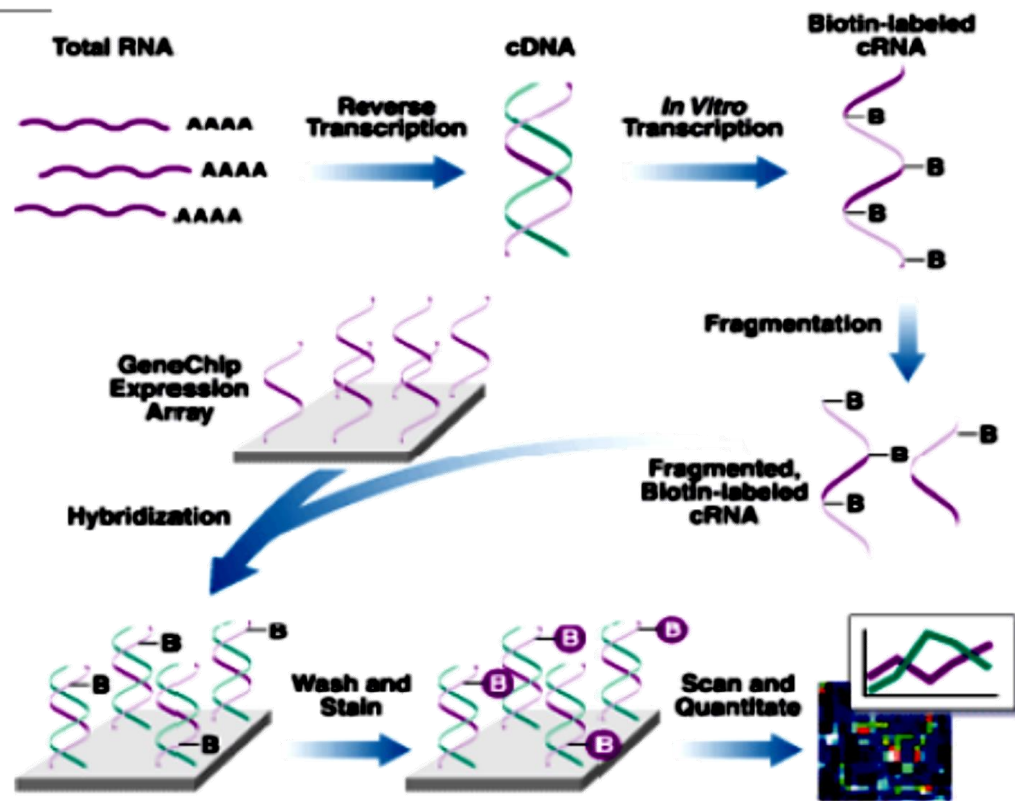
Stazione fluidica per applicazione del campione e lavaggi del GeneChip, Incubatore e Analizzatore d'immagine





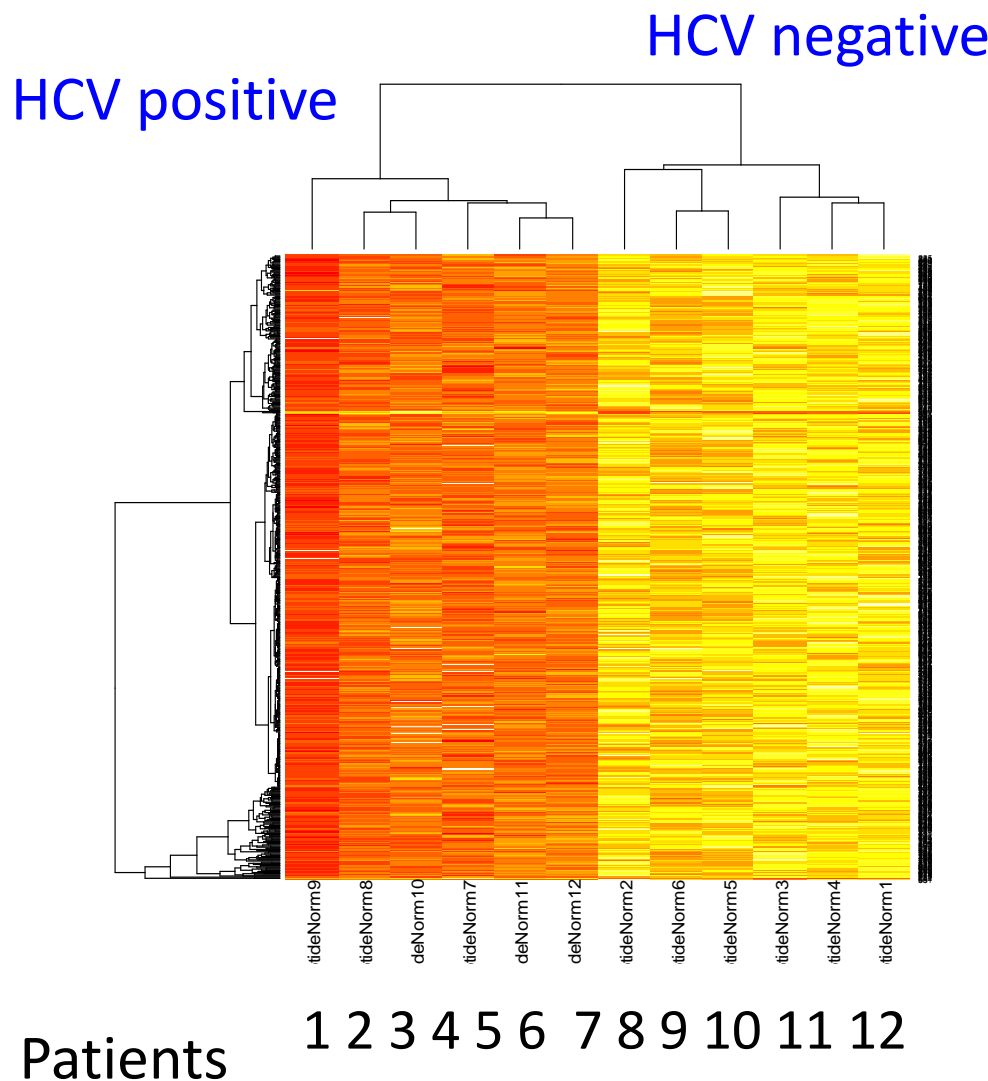
- A probes is a 25 base pair (25-mer) length piece of DNA that is attached to the chip
- Each feature has millions of identical probes attached to them
- The probes are used to “probe” the sample for certain DNA or RNA segments

- Extraction and retro/transcription of total RNA
- In-vitro incorporation of biotinylated UTPs and CTPs in cRNA
- Fragmentation
- Hybridization
- Phycoerythrin washing
- Software analysis





Gene expression profiling of carotid biopsies of HCV- and HCV+ patients by Affymetrix GeneChip technology (Human Genome U133 Plus 2.0 Array, 47,000 transcripts)



278 transcripts differentially up- (n=225) or down-regulated (n=53) in HCV+ vs HCV- patients with carotid artery stenosis

Total RNA isolated from carotid artery wall of patients obtained during surgery.

HCV- and HCV+ patients were age and sex matched.

We applied unsupervised hierarchical clustering to both sample and genes, with complete method using euclidean distance as similarity measure.

# Affymetrix Gene Expression Profiling of exercise-trained and control rats, effect on cardioprotection (GeneChip Rat Genome 230 v2.0 31,000 transcripts)

Gene Name (Gene Symbol)	Gene ID	GenBank	Probe name	D	r
similar to C11orf17 protein (RGD1306959)	361624	BF561368	1392938_s_at	5.039	1.5
caveolin 3 (Cav3)	29161	NM_019155	1387814_at	4.216	1.4
similar to RIKEN cDNA 1700012G19 gene (RGD1307773)	287115	BG380656	1388881_at	4.206	1.2
similar to C11orf17 protein (RGD1306959)	361624	AA799992	1385458_a_at	4.168	16
enolase 3, beta (Eno3)	25438	NM_012949	1386907_at	4.135	1.5
similar to C11orf17 protein (RGD1306959)	361624	BF561368	1383175_a_at	3.947	1.5
cytochrome P450, family 27, subfamily a, polypeptide 1 (Cyp27a1)	301517	M73231	1387914_at	3.927	1.4
similar to RIKEN cDNA 2700002I20 (RGD1307279)	307210	AI171367	1373074_at	3.783	1.3
EGL nine homolog 1 (Egln1)	308913	BI282122	1389207_at	3.652	1.2
Unknown	NA	BI295165	1373167_at	3.594	1.2
cystatin C (Cst3)	25307	BG666933	1370855_at	3.457	1.3
tumor necrosis factor, alpha-induced protein 1 (endothelial) (Tnfaip1)	287543	BM390023	1371911_at	3.433	1.2

**3 genes** characterize the gene expression profile of the rat left ventricle (LV), when examined 48 hrs since the last training session and that mild exercise training determines cardioprotection without the induction of hypertrophy

Probe name = Affymetrix number of the probe set that recognized the specific transcript; d = significance analysis of microarrays (SAM) t-statistic; r = fold change according to SAM [mean(TRA intensities)/mean(CTR intensities)].

# RISK STUDY

## Reperfusion Injury in Stroke Study (RISKS)

Coordinatore: Prof. Domenico Inzitari  
Dipartimento NEUROFARBA, Università degli Studi di Firenze



Reperfusion Injury in Stroke (RISK) Study



### Highlights dalla letteratura

#### REPERFUSION INJURY IN STROKE

L'ictus cerebrale rappresenta la terza causa di morte e la prima di disabilità nella popolazione adulta. I trattamenti di fase acuta possono consentire la ricanalizzazione del vaso occluso, salvando il tessuto dal danno ischemico. La ricanalizzazione, tuttavia, non è sempre accompagnata da un miglioramento clinico poiché può verificarsi il così detto "danno da reperfusion". Studi preliminari mostrano che la rottura della barriera emato-encefalica (BEE), espressione del danno da reperfusion, può essere misurata in vivo con TC di perfusione (TCP). Evidenze sperimentali e cliniche hanno dimostrato che alcuni biomarcatori circolanti (come le metalloproteinasie) possono essere considerati potenziali marcatori biologici di danno da reperfusion. Lo studio dell'associazione fra biomarcatori circolanti e marcatori neuroradiologici di danno della BEE in relazione alle misure di esito clinico potrebbe fornire informazioni importanti per contrastare il danno da reperfusion. In una serie consecutiva di pazienti con ictus ischemico acuto candidati a trombolisi sistemica o a trattamento endovascolare, verranno misurati livelli di una serie di biomarcatori circolanti di rottura della BEE danno da reperfusion (fattori pro-, anti-infiammatori, fattori immunomodulatori, indicatori di disfunzione endoteliale, fattori di resistenza alla fibrinolisi), in relazione al grado di permeabilità della BEE. Utilizzando un protocollo di studio definito, un disegno prospettico, ed una numerosità del campione tale da garantire un'adeguata potenza statistica, i risultati di questo studio potrebbero integrare ed espandere le informazioni relative ai fattori biologici o ai marcatori surrogati coinvolti nel danno da reperfusion nell'ictus acuto. I dati ottenuti potrebbero supportare il disegno di trial randomizzati e controllati dove vengano testate farmaci potenzialmente efficaci nel contrastare il danno della BEE danno da reperfusion.



#### REPERFUSION INJURY IN STROKE

Ischemic stroke is a major cause of death and disability. Revascularization techniques are able to re-open the occluded vessel, salvaging the ischemic tissue from death. However recanalization may cause further injury due to activation of detrimental molecular pathways, leading to "reperfusion injury". Preliminary data show that blood brain barrier (BBB) disruption and reperfusion injury can be traced in vivo by perfusion CT (TCP). Both experimental and clinical evidence indicate a number of circulating molecular factors (like metalloproteinases) as potential biological markers of the same injury. Investigating interactions between circulating factors and BBB permeability, in relation to stroke outcomes may be of help aiming to contrast the problem of reperfusion injury. In a consecutive series patients with acute ischemic stroke candidates to intravenous thrombolysis or to endovascular treatment, circulating levels of diverse molecular markers of BBB disruption: reperfusion injury (pro-, anti-inflammatory, and immunomodulatory factors, matrix MMPs and their inducers/inhibitors, factors of endothelial dysfunction, factors of fibrin resistance to lysis), will be determined, and analyzed in relation to in vivo measurement of BBB permeability. Using a definite protocol, a prospective collection of data, and an adequate number of patients assuring statistically powered data, this study can expand and integrate substantially scanty clinical information about biological factors or surrogate markers involved in the damage of brain tissue after reperfusion in acute cerebral ischemia. Data obtained may eventually support designing randomized control trials where therapeutic strategies potentially effective in contrasting BBB disruption/reperfusion damage are tested.

### HIGHLIGHTS DALLA LETTERATURA

- Front Neurol** 2015 May 27;6:121. doi: 10.3389/fneur.2015.00121. eCollection 2015.  
**Unbalanced Metalloproteinase-9 and Tissue Inhibitors of Metalloproteinases Ratios Predict Hemorrhagic Transformation of Lesion in Ischemic Stroke Patients Treated with Thrombolysis: Results from the MAGIC Study.**  
Piccardi B, Palumbo V, Nesi M, Nencini P, Gori AM, Giusti B, Pracucci G, Tonelli P, Innocenti E, Sereni A, Stocchi E, Tomi D, Bovi P, Guidotti M, Tola MR, Consoli D, Miceli G, Tassi R, Orlandi G, Perini F, Marcello N, Nucera A, Massaro F, DeLodovici ML, Bono G, Sessa M, Abbate R, Inzitari D.  
**BACKGROUND:** Experimentally, metalloproteinases (MMPs) play a detrimental role related to the severity of ischemic brain lesions. Both MMPs activity and function in tissues reflect the balance between MMPs and tissue inhibitors of metalloproteinases (TIMPs). We aimed to evaluate the role of MMPs/TIMPs balance in the setting of rtPA-treated stroke patients.  
**METHODS:** Blood was taken before and 24-h after rtPA from 577 patients (mean age 68 years, median NIHSS 11) with acute ischemic stroke. Delta median values of each MMP/TIMP ratio (post-rtPA MMP/TIMP-baseline MMP/TIMP)/(baseline MMP/TIMP) were analyzed related to symptomatic intracranial hemorrhage (sICH) according to NINDS criteria, relevant hemorrhagic transformation (HT) defined as confluent petechiae within the infarcted area or any parenchymal hemorrhage, stroke subtypes according to Oxfordshire Community Stroke Project and 3-month death. The net effect of each MMP/TIMP ratio was estimated by a logistic regression model including major clinical determinants of outcomes.  
**RESULTS:** Adjusting for major clinical determinants, only increase in MMP9/TIMP1 and MMP9/TIMP2 ratios remained significantly associated with sICH (odds ratio [95% confidence interval], 1.67 [1.17-2.38], p=0.005; 1.74 [1.21-2.49], p=0.005, respectively). Only relative increase in MMP9/TIMP1 ratio proved significantly associated with relevant HT (odds ratio [95% confidence interval], 1.74 [1.17-2.57], p=0.005) with a trend toward significance for MMP9/TIMP2 ratio (p=0.007).  
**DISCUSSION:** Our data add substantial clinical evidence about the role of MMPs/TIMPs balance in rtPA-treated stroke patients. These results may serve to generate hypotheses on MMPs inhibitors to be administered together with rtPA in order to counteract its deleterious effect.  
**PubMed**
- Stroke** 2013 Oct;44(10):2901-3. doi: 10.1161/STROKEAHA.113.002274. Epub 2013 Aug.  
**MMP9 variation after thrombolysis is associated with hemorrhagic transformation of lesion and death.**  
Inzitari D, Giusti B, Nencini P, Gori AM, Nesi M, Palumbo V, Piccardi B, Armillati A, Pracucci G, Bono G, Bovi P, Consoli D, Guidotti M, Nucera A, Massaro F, Miceli G, Orlandi G, Perini F, Tassi R, Tola MR, Sessa M, Tomi D, Abbate R, MAGIC Study Group.  
**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:** Experimentally, matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs) play a detrimental role related to hemorrhagic transformation and severity of an ischemic brain lesion. Tissue-type plasminogen activator (tPA) enhances such effects. This study aimed to expand clinical evidence in this connection.  
**METHODS:** We measured MMPs 1, 2, 8, 7, 8, 9, and tissue inhibitors of metalloproteinases 1, 2, 4 circulating level in blood taken before and 24 hours after rtPA from 327 patients (mean age, 68.9±12.1 years; median National Institutes of Health Stroke Scale, 11) with acute ischemic stroke. Delta median values (24 hours post-rtPA-pre-rtPA) of each MMP or tissue inhibitors of metalloproteinases were analyzed across subgroups of patients undergoing symptomatic intracerebral hemorrhage, 3-month death, or 3-month modified Rankin Scale score 3 to 6.  
**RESULTS:** Adjusting for major clinical determinants, only matrix metalloproteinase-9 variations proved independently associated with death (odds ratio [95% confidence interval], 1.58 [1.11-2.18]; P=0.045) or symptomatic intracerebral hemorrhage (odds ratio [95% confidence interval], 1.40 [1.02-1.92]; P=0.049). Both matrix metalloproteinase-9 and tissue inhibitors of metalloproteinase-4 changes were correlated with baseline, 24 hours, and 7 days National Institutes of Health Stroke Scale (Spearman P from <0.001 to 0.040).  
**CONCLUSIONS:** Our clinical evidence corroborates the detrimental role of matrix metalloproteinase-9 during ischemic stroke treated with thrombolysis, and prompts clinical trials testing agents antagonizing its effects.  
**PubMed**
- Stroke** 2010 Mar;41(3):e123-8. doi: 10.1161/STROKEAHA.109.570515. Epub 2009 Dec 24.  
**Blood-brain barrier disruption in humans is independently associated with increased matrix metalloproteinase-9.**  
Batt TL, Latour LL, Lee KY, Schaefer TJ, Iuby M, Chang GS, El-Zammit Z, Alam S, Hallenbeck JM, Kidwell CS, Warach S.  
**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:** Matrix metalloproteinases (MMP) may play a role in blood-brain barrier (BBB) disruption after ischemic stroke. We hypothesized that plasma concentrations of MMP-9 are associated with a marker of BBB disruption in patients evaluated for acute stroke.  
**METHODS:** Patients underwent MRI on presentation and approximately 24 hours later. The MRI marker, termed hypointense acute reperfusion injury marker (HARM), is gadolinium enhancement of cerebrospinal fluid on fluid-attenuated inversion recovery MRI. Plasma MMP-9 and tissue inhibitor of matrix metalloproteinase-1 were

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# EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN

388 patients, 168 underwent thromboectomy

PATIENT



STROKE

Serum and Plasma + Blood stabilized in PAX tubes for global gene expression

Serum and Plasma + Blood stabilized in PAX tubes for global gene expression

Basal blood withdrawal

rtPA

end/or

THROMBECTOMY

24h blood withdrawal

FOLLOW-UP at least 3 months

## INCLUSION AND EXCLUSION CRITERIA

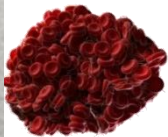
- Patients with estimated clinical severity NIHSS > 7 eligible for systemic thrombolysis with rtPA and no upper age limit;
- Patients eligible for endovascular thrombolysis and / or thrombectomy;
- Patients without contraindications to the iodinated contrast medium.

Thrombus aspirated during thrombectomy stored in RNA Later

RNA extraction and global gene expression study

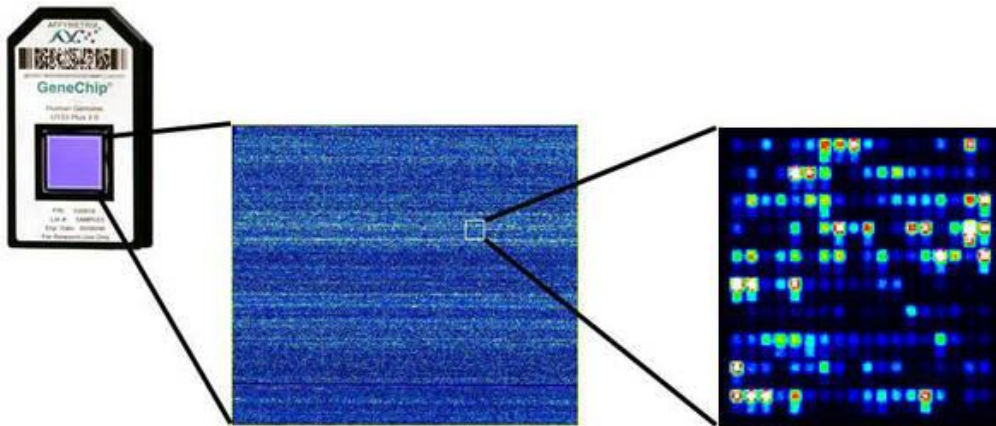
✓ RNA extraction by PaxGene miRNA kit

✓ Quantitative and qualitative analysis by Bioanalyzer Agilent 2100



✓ Thrombus stabilized in RNA Later





**GeneChip Human Transcriptome  
HTA 2.0 Array  
(Affymetrix)**

Array protein coding content	No.
Genes (transcript clusters)	44,699
Transcripts	245,349
Exons	560,472
Exon clusters	296,058

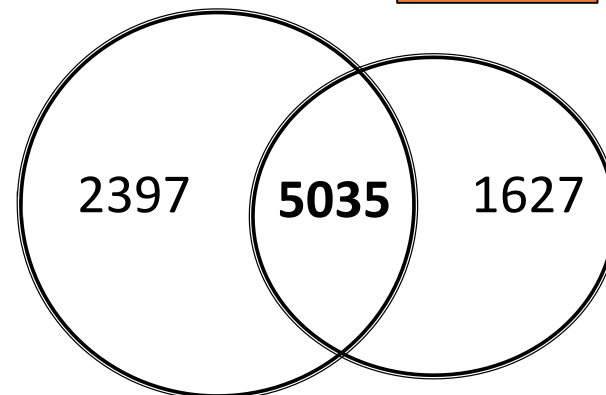
Array non-protein coding content	No.
Genes (transcript clusters)	22,829
Transcripts	40,914
Exons	109,930
Exon clusters	82,444

Controls	
ERCC probe set <sup>1,2</sup>	63
Background probes	Antigenomic set
Poly-A controls <sup>2</sup>	<i>dap, lys, phe, thr</i>
Hybridization controls	<i>bioB, bioC, bioD, creX</i>

## GENETIC EXPRESSION PROFILES ANALYSIS

	PROBE SET	PROBE SET ANNOTATE	microRNA (mirRNA)	Long intergenic non-protein coding RNA (lncRNA)	GENI
<b>TROMBI</b>					
MEDIANA	14584	8850,5	285,5	117,5	6986
RANGE	(11619-15496)	(7653-9277)	(226-312)	(62-173)	(6111-7370)
	PROBE SET	PROBE SET ANNOTATE	microRNA (mirRNA)	Long intergenic non-protein coding RNA (lncRNA)	GENI
<b>SANGUE VENOSO PERIFERICO</b>					
MEDIANA	12043	7965,5	224	67	6369,5
RANGE	(11389-13031)	(7630-8468)	(194-255)	(53-78)	(6089-6672)

**CLOT**                      **MIC**



# Aree Laboratorio Integrato

## **Biologia Molecolare**

### **Genomica e Trascrittomica**

**Estrazione Acidi Nucleici (DNA, RNA, miRNA)**

manuale, automazione piccoli e grandi volumi

**Analisi quantitativa e qualitativa acidi nucleici**

### **Genotipizzazione**

RFLP in parziale automazione

Real Time Taqman

GenomeLab SNPStream

Affymetrix

### **Espressione genica**

Real Time PCR

Two-color

Affymetrix

### **Tecnologie di screening mutazionali**

(DHPLC, real time HRM)

### **Sequenziamento**

## **Citofluorimetria e Sorting cellulare**

## **Proteomica**

**Dosaggi singoli analiti ELISA in parziale automazione**

### **Bioplex**

### **Western Blot**

### **Elettroforesi Bidimensionale**

### **Spettrometria di Massa**

### **HPLC**

## **Microscopia**

## **Colture Cellulari**

## **Modelli Animali**

## **Ingegneria genetica**

## **Bioinformatica**

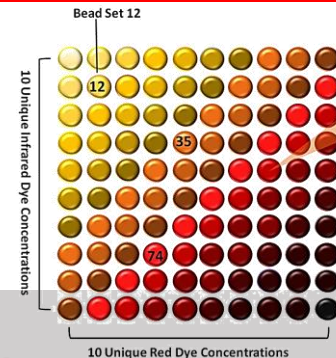
# IDENTIFICATION OF DIAGNOSTIC BIOMARKERS

## BioPlex 200 (BIO-RAD)



Flow-based dual-laser system for simultaneous identification and quantification up to 100 different analytes in a single biomolecular assay

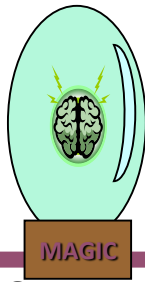
Fully integrated array reader and microplate platform. Optional HTF (High-Throughput Fluidics) sheath delivery module



- HUMAN
  - Acute Phase Proteins
  - Apolipoproteins
  - Apoptosis Pathway
  - Chemokines
  - Cytokines and Growth Factors
  - Diabetes Markers
  - Inflammation Markers
  - Immunotherapy Panel
  - Isotyping
  - Kidney Toxicity Markers
  - Th17 Cytokines

- MOUSE
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  - Cytokines and Growth Factors
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- RAT
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- MULTI-SPECIES
  - TGF-Beta Assays
  - Cell Signaling Assays

- Human cytokines and chemokines
- Antibodies
- Antigens
- Bacterial Protein Toxins
- DNA
- Receptors



# MAGIC



**327 pazienti arruolati**  
**prelievo:** eseguito prima e **24h**  
dopo trombolisi

**MARKERS BIOLOGICI ASSOCIATI ALL' ICTUS**  
**CEREBRALE ACUTO**

**Ministero della Salute :**

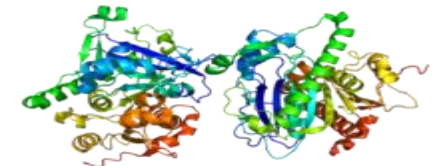
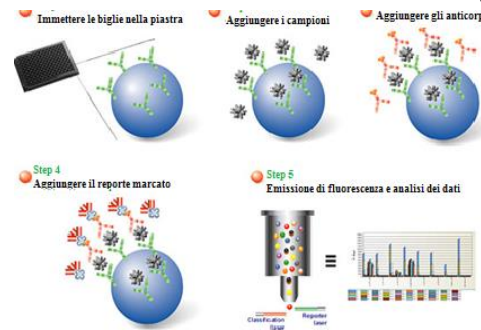
**Programma Strategico 2006:**

**“Nuove conoscenze e problematiche assistenziali nell'ictus cerebrale”**

**Marcatori:** IL-1, TNF- $\alpha$ , IL-6, IL-1 $\beta$ , IL-4, IL-10, IL-1Ra, IL-8, IL-12, IFN- $\gamma$ , IP-10,  $\alpha$ 2M, PCR

**Endopeptidasi e loro inibitori:** MMP-1, MMP-2, MMP-3, MMP-8, MMP-9, MMP-13, TIMP-1, TIMP-2;

✓ Tecnologia multiplex (BioPlex 200 System) per la misurazione dei livelli dei seguenti



- *Reperfusion Injury after ischemic Stroke Study (RISKS): single-centre (Florence, Italy), prospective observational protocol study (BMJ Open. 2018)*
- *Low-Calorie Vegetarian Versus Mediterranean Diets for Reducing Body Weight and Improving Cardiovascular Risk Profile: CARDIVEG Study (Cardiovascular Prevention With Vegetarian Diet) (Circulation, 2018)*
- *Circulating Biomarkers in Cerebral Autosomal Dominant Arteriopathy with Subcortical Infarcts and Leukoencephalopathy Patients. (J Stroke Cerebrovasc Dis., 2017) .....*



# DIAGNOSTIC OF THE PLATELET FUNCTION

VerifyNow (Werfen)



Multiplate (Roche)

- High productivity: 30 tests / hour
- Sample volume: 300  $\mu$ L of whole blood
- 5 different positions for the simultaneous measurement of different samples/agonists
- Fast response times: 10 minutes/test

Fluoroskan Ascent™ Microplate Fluorometer (Thermo Fisher)



- General Screening and Anticoagulant Monitoring/Testing
- D-Dimer
- Heparin-Induced Thrombocytopenia
- Antiphospholipid Syndrome
- Coagulation Factors
- Fibrinolysis
- Thrombophilia
- von Willebrand Disease



ACL-TOP 750 series (Werfen)

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