



Does Genetic Information Change Behavior?

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Today's talk: 3 Points!

- **Answer unknown...**
 - Assumption, “If you tell them and they understand, they will do it”
- **Think deeper...**
 - Mechanisms & behavioral outcomes
- **New horizons in personalization**
 - New intervention targets?

Genetic risk communication

Context

↑ Perceived susceptibility

↓ Controllability

↑ Motivational relevance

↓ Confidence to change

MOTIVATION

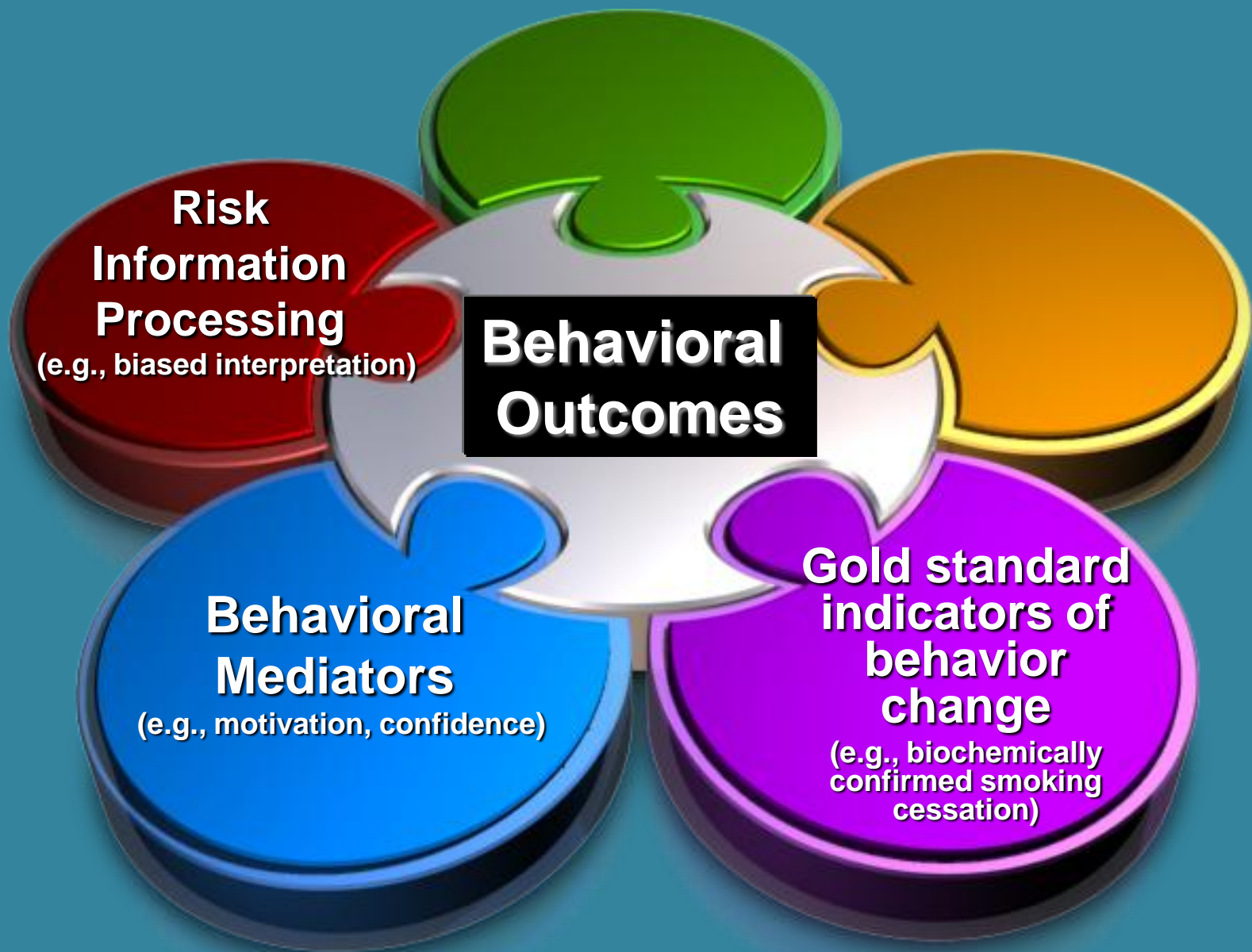
Likelihood of behavior change

Cognitive capabilities

Motivations

Dispositional factors

Attitudes, beliefs, affect

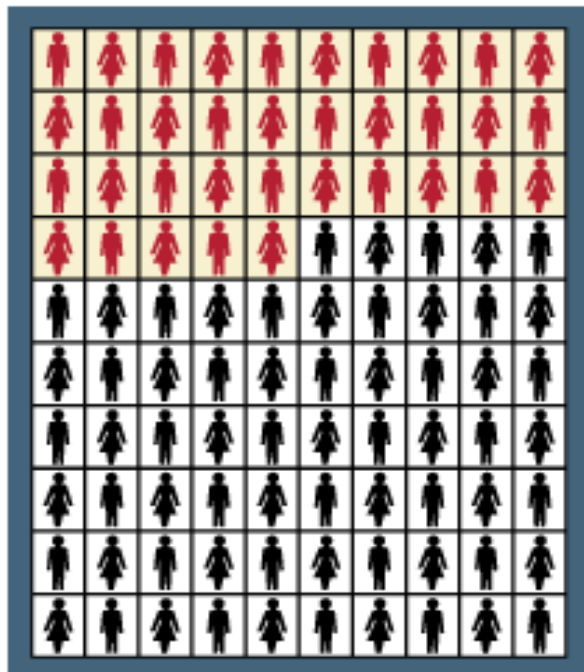


What is someone's chance of getting diabetes in their lifetime if they have any KCNJ11 risk versions?

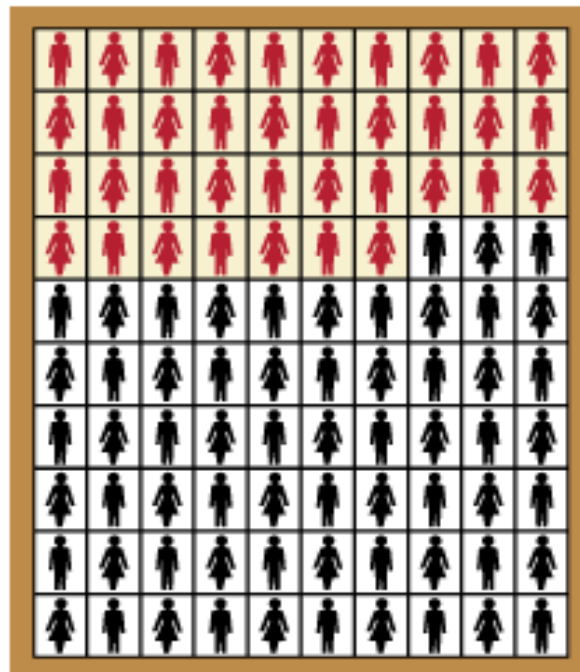
- People who have **no risk versions** of KCNJ11 will have, on average, a 35 in 100 chance of getting diabetes.
- People who have **1 risk version** of KCNJ11 will have, on average, a 37 in 100 chance of getting diabetes.
- People who have **2 risk versions** of KCNJ11 will have, on average, a 43 in 100 chance of getting diabetes.

Chance of getting diabetes based on the number of risk versions of KCNJ11
(Out of 100 people. People with diabetes are shown in red.)

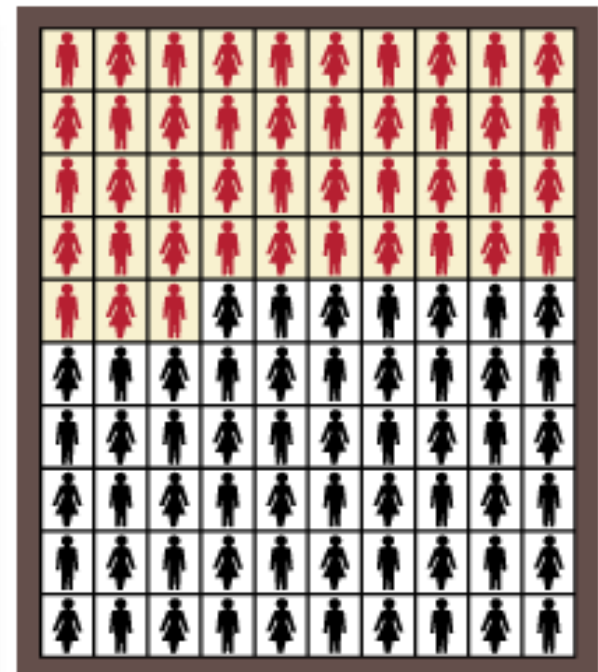
0 Risk Versions



1 Risk Version

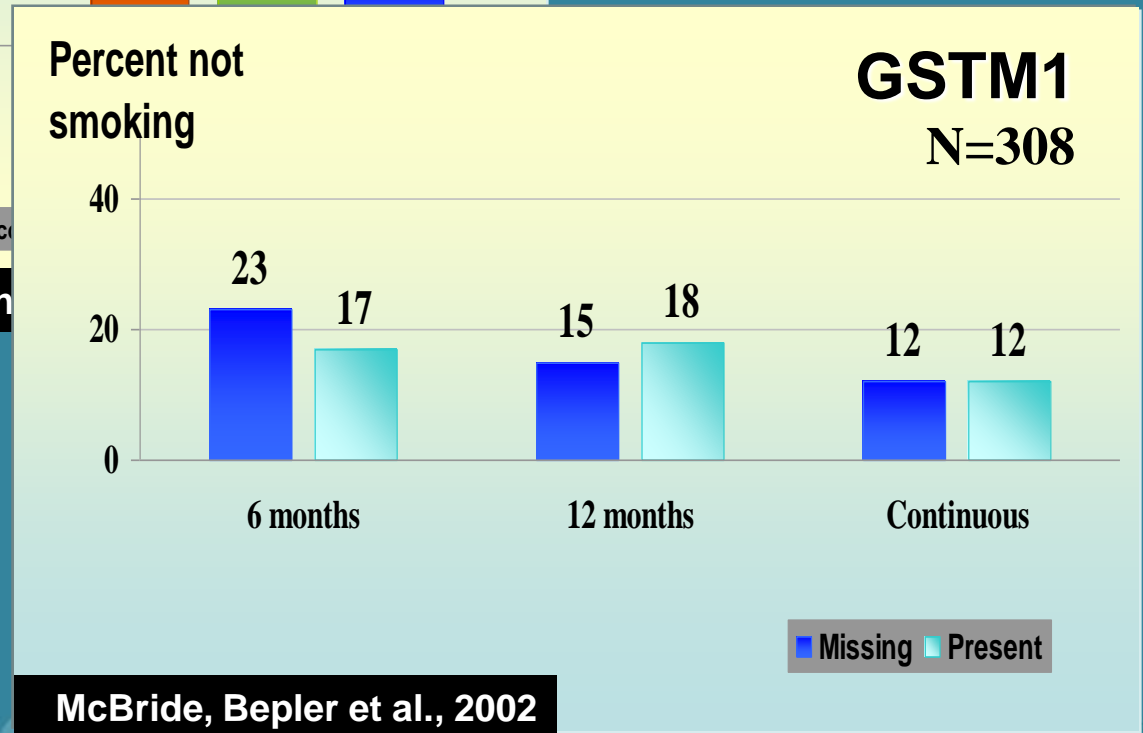
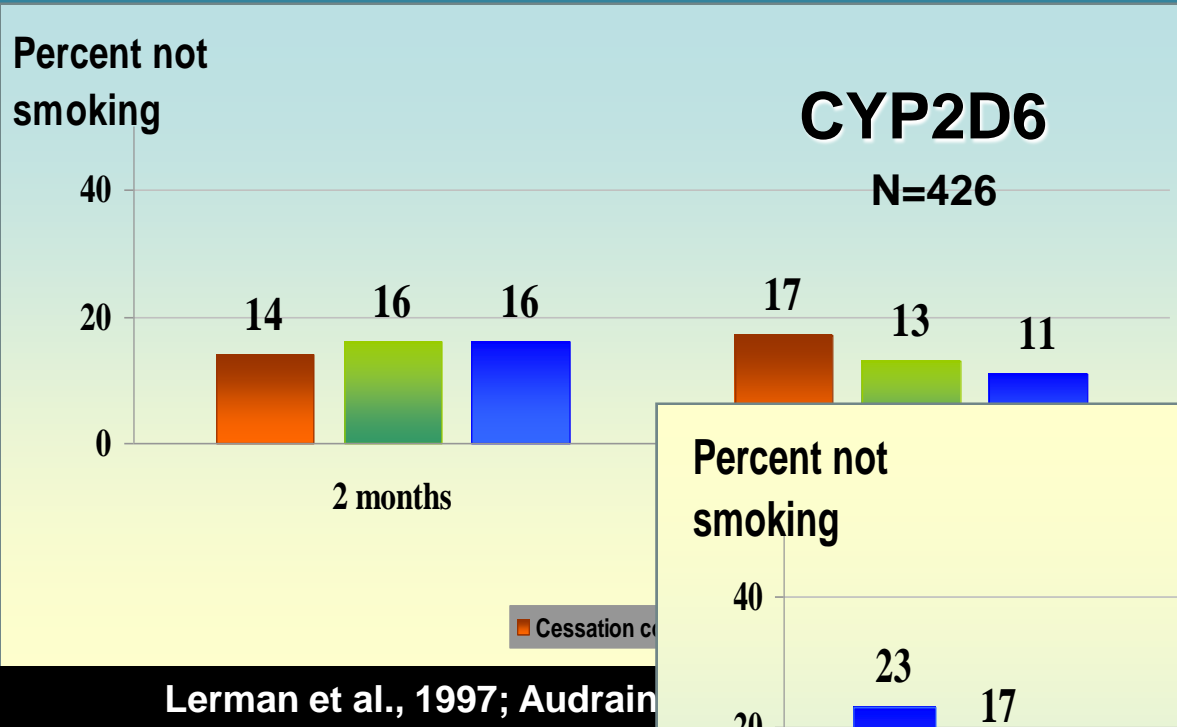


2 Risk Versions



1990's Clinical Trials:

Genetic feedback effects on smoking cessation





Welcome to the FAMILY RISK AND LUNG CANCER STUDY

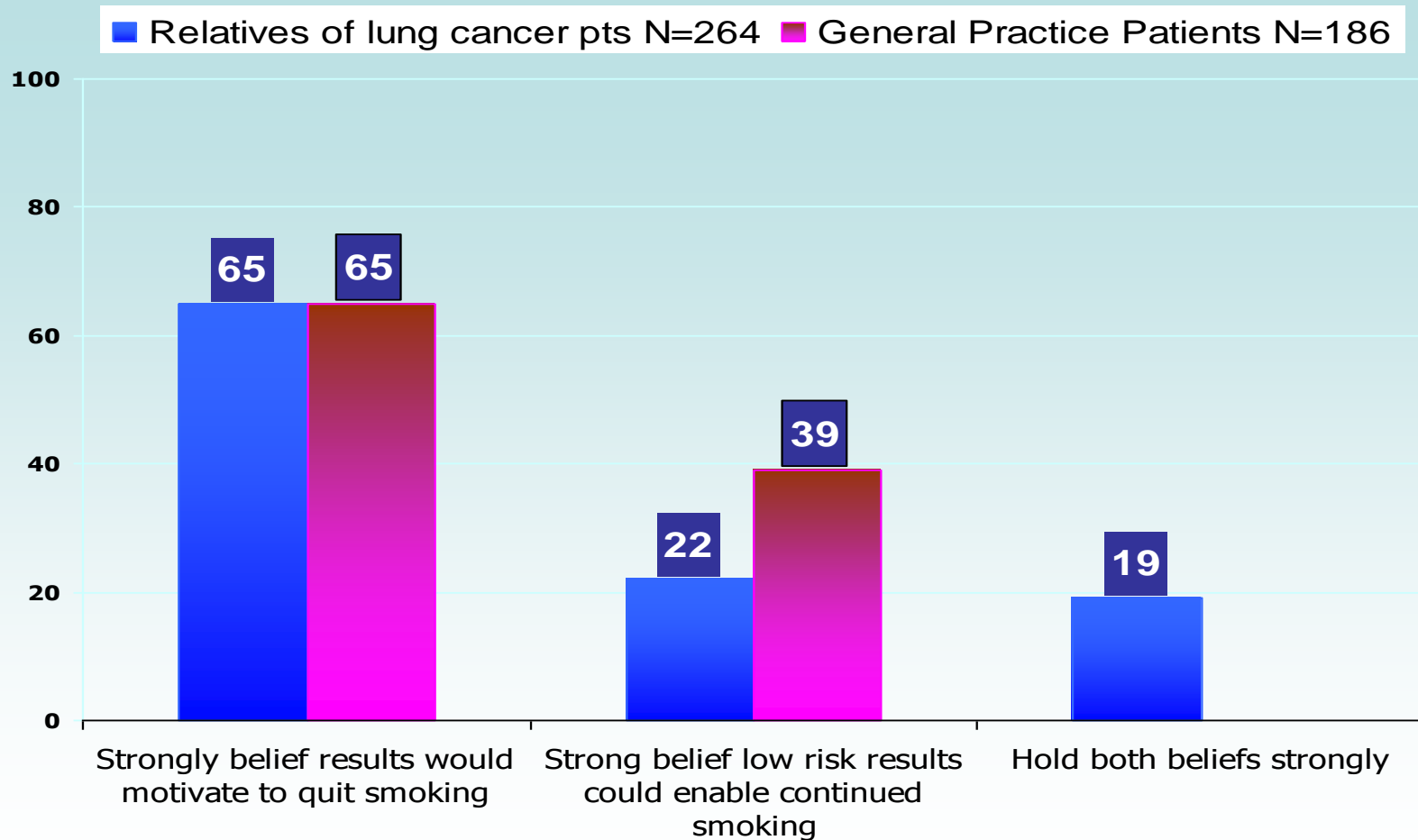
Thank you for Participating!

Contextual & practical questions:

- Which smokers are interested in genetic testing for lung cancer susceptibility (GSTM1)?
- How does the test result affect cognitive factors associated with smoking cessation?

NEXT

Smokers' attitudes about hypothetical genetic testing

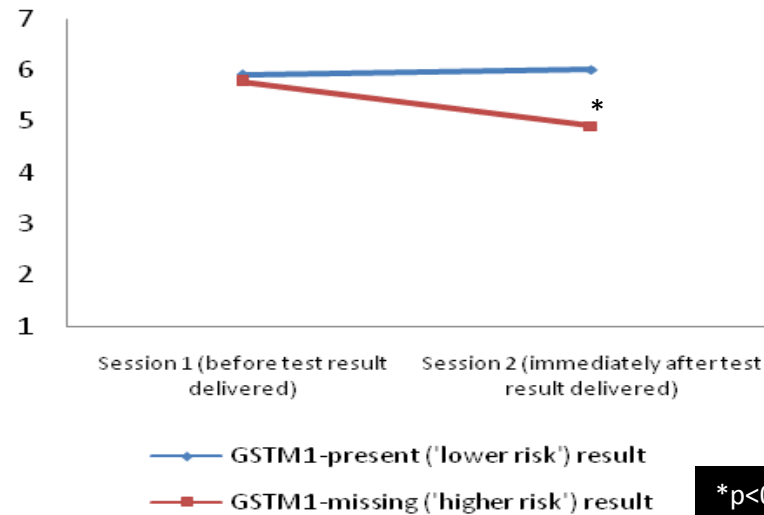


Which smokers were interested in genetic testing?

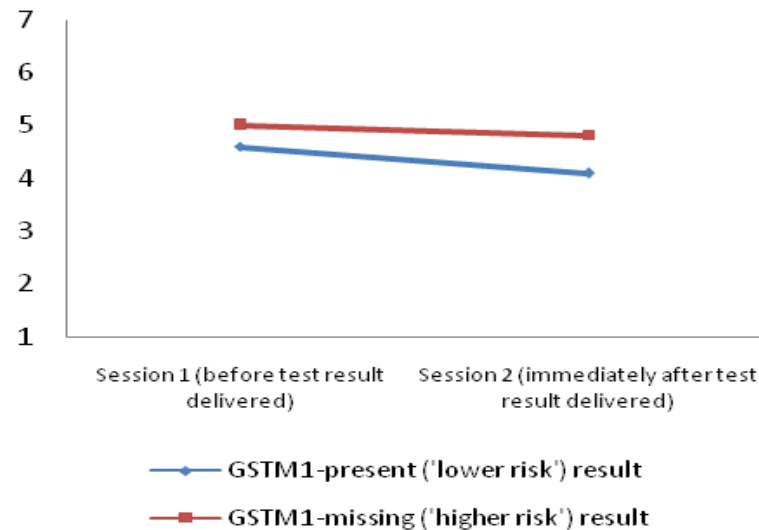
	Logged on (n = 58)	Did not log on (n = 58)	Sig.
Demographics			
Gender (% female)	59%	48%	NS
Mean Age (yrs)	40.1 (8.3)	36.5 (10.5)	<0.05
Education			
High school or less	28%	36%	NS
Technical degree / some college	50%	41%	
College degree	22%	23%	
Unemployed	14%	14%	NS
Non-Hispanic white	96%	96%	NS
Daily internet use	85%	62%	<0.05
Aware of cancer genetic testing	61%	42%	<0.05
Motivation to quit smoking¹	6.3 (1.1)	5.6 (1.7)	<0.01
Closeness to patient ¹	5.5 (1.1)	5.2 (1.1)	NS
¹ 1-7 scale			

Response to test results

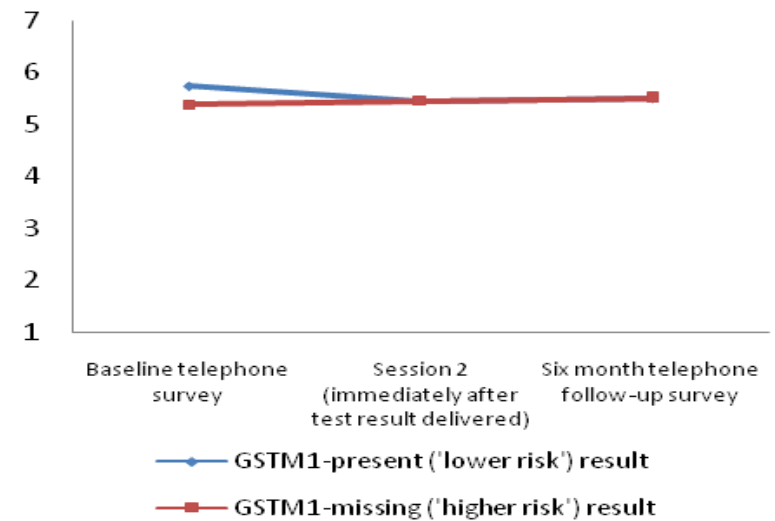
Perceived response-efficacy



Perceived self-efficacy



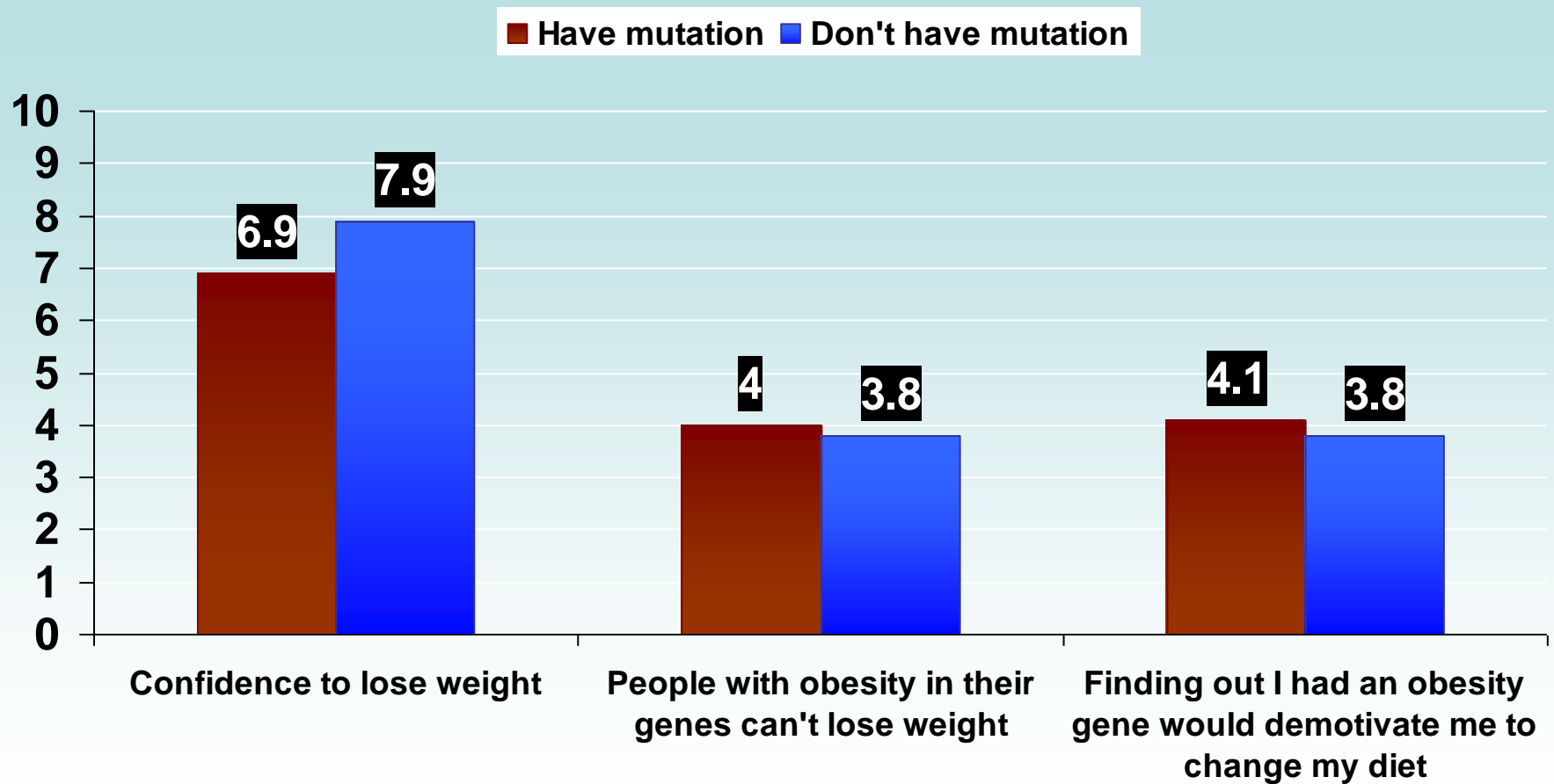
Perceived risk



Sanderson et al, CEBP in press

Confidence about managing weight by mutation status

Obese Women (N=30)



The Multiplex Initiative



New Participants

Returning Participants

Partners:

NHGRI

Henry Ford Health System, Detroit
Group Health Cooperative, Seattle

Study Design

Baseline screening survey



Mail invitation to website to consider genetic testing



Web-based decision process re: testing w/financial incentives



Consent process
In-clinic blood draw



Test feedback provided directly to subject by mail + telephone follow-up



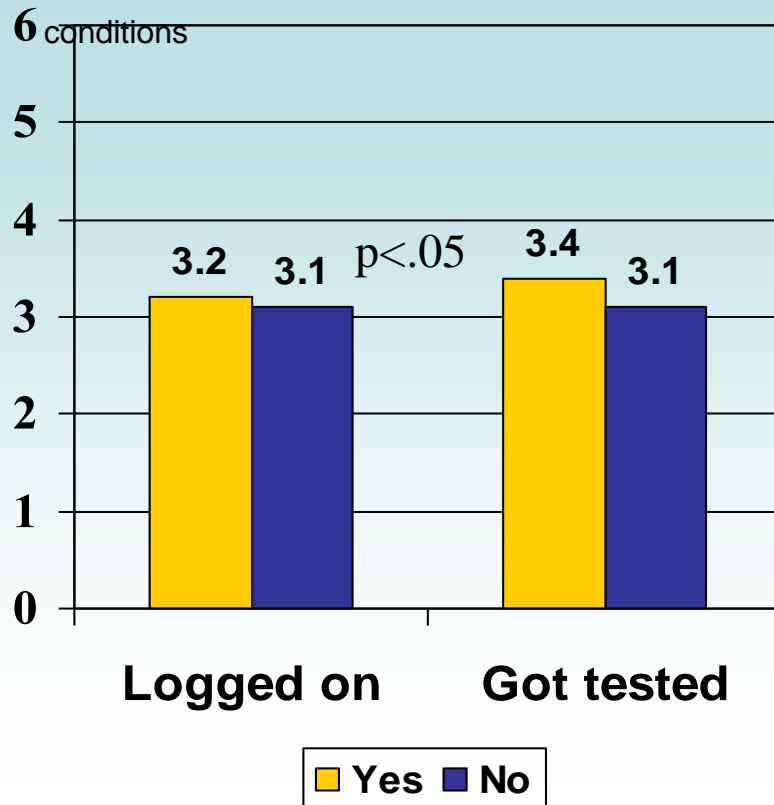
3 month follow-up telephone survey

Behavioral Outcomes

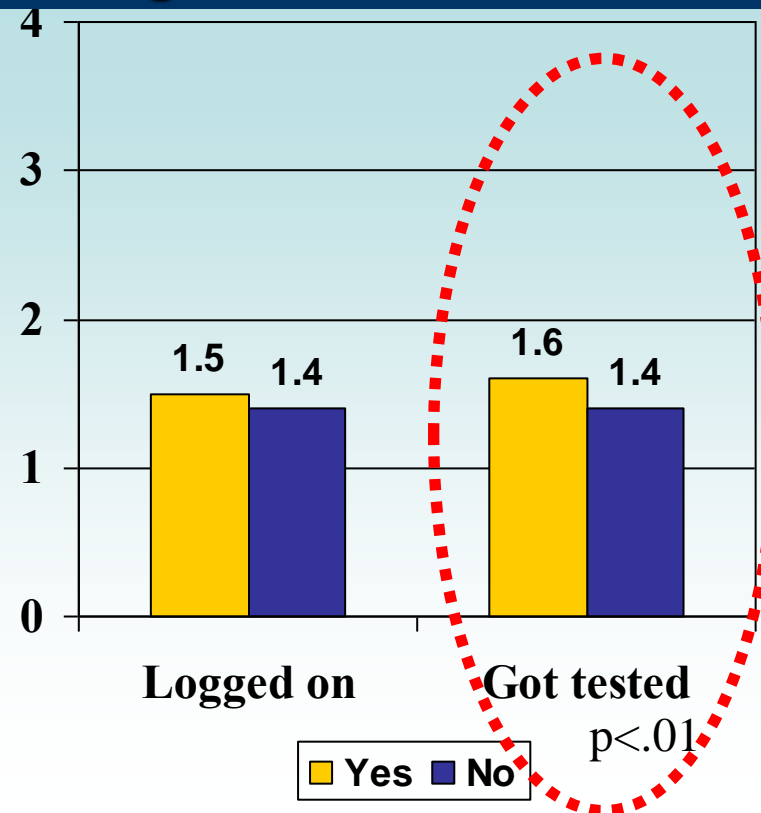
- Seek Surgeon General's Family Hx Assessment
- Seek Harvard Behavioral Risk Factor Assessment
- Talk to Doctor

What prompts individuals to seek genetic information?

Family history



Mean health habits want to change



N=1959 surveyed, & 612 logged on

New Horizons in Personalization

	<u>Marker</u>	<u>Function</u>
Type 2 Diabetes	PPAR gamma KCNJ11 TCF7L2	Fat cell development Stronger risk messages
Myeloid leukemia	CYP1A1 CYP1B1	Phase I enzymes activating environmental carcinogens

> 400 genes involved in obesity

- Adipocyte growth & differentiation
- Energy expenditure
- Individual response to caloric restriction
- Appetite control

Enabling interventions to be individualized to physiology

Randomized controlled trial of four commercial weight loss programmes in the UK

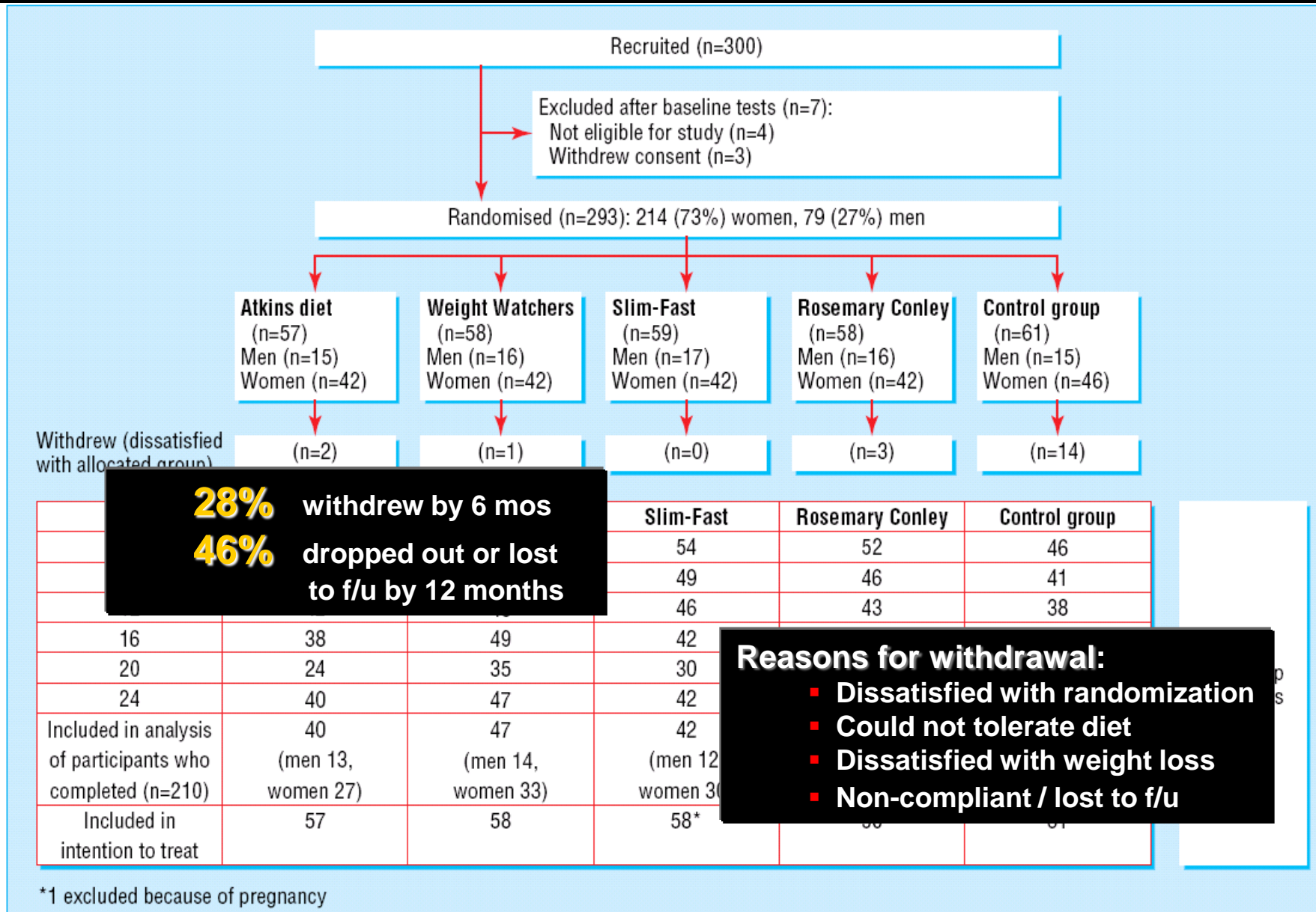


Fig 1 Flow of participants through the BBC diet trials

PAPER

Difficulty in losing weight by behavioral intervention for women with Trp64Arg polymorphism of the β_3 -adrenergic receptor gene

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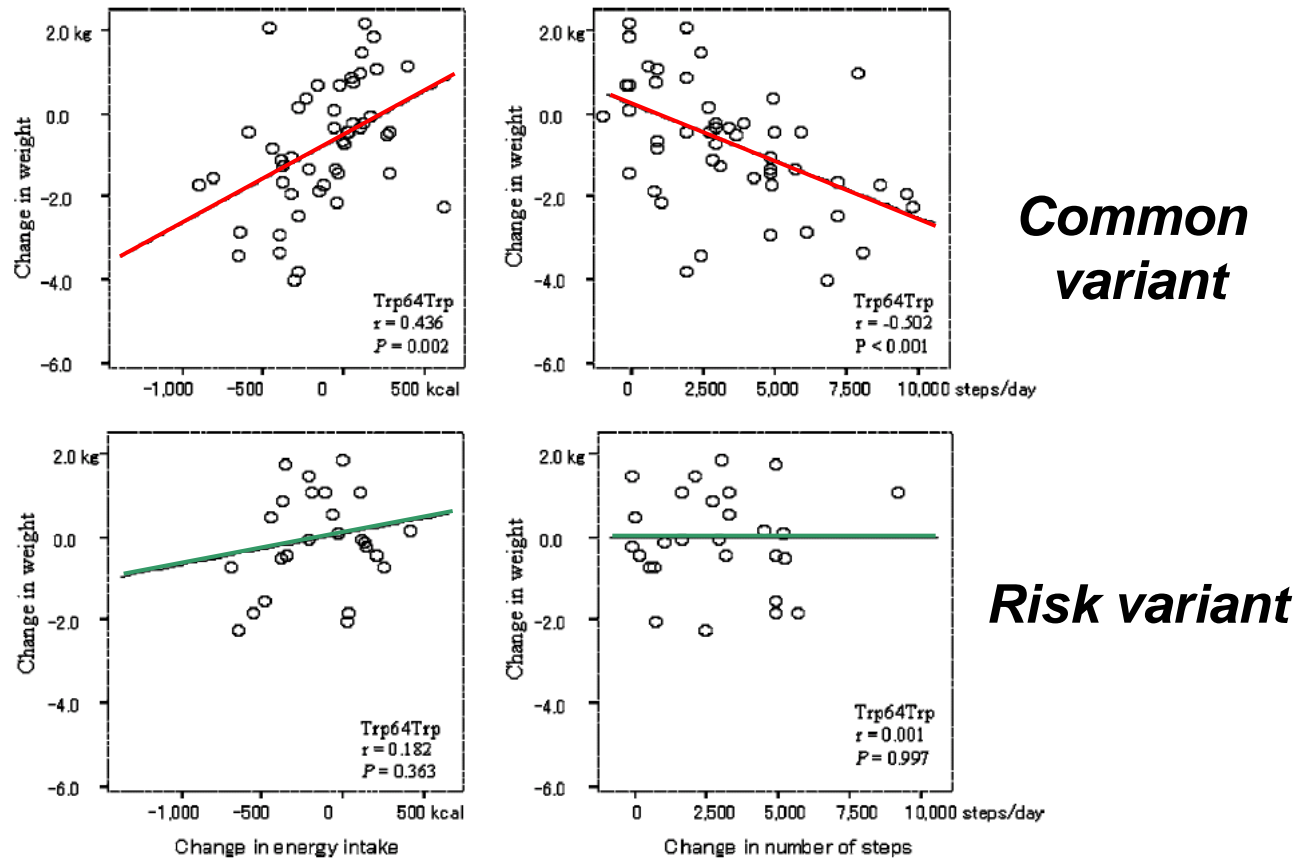


Figure 1 Correlation between weight loss and changes in energy intake or number of steps Pearson's correlation coefficients associated with weight loss and P values were expressed.

A Transdisciplinary Model Integrating Genetic, Physiological, and Psychological Correlates of Voluntary Exercise

Bryan, Hutchison, Seals, Allen, 2007

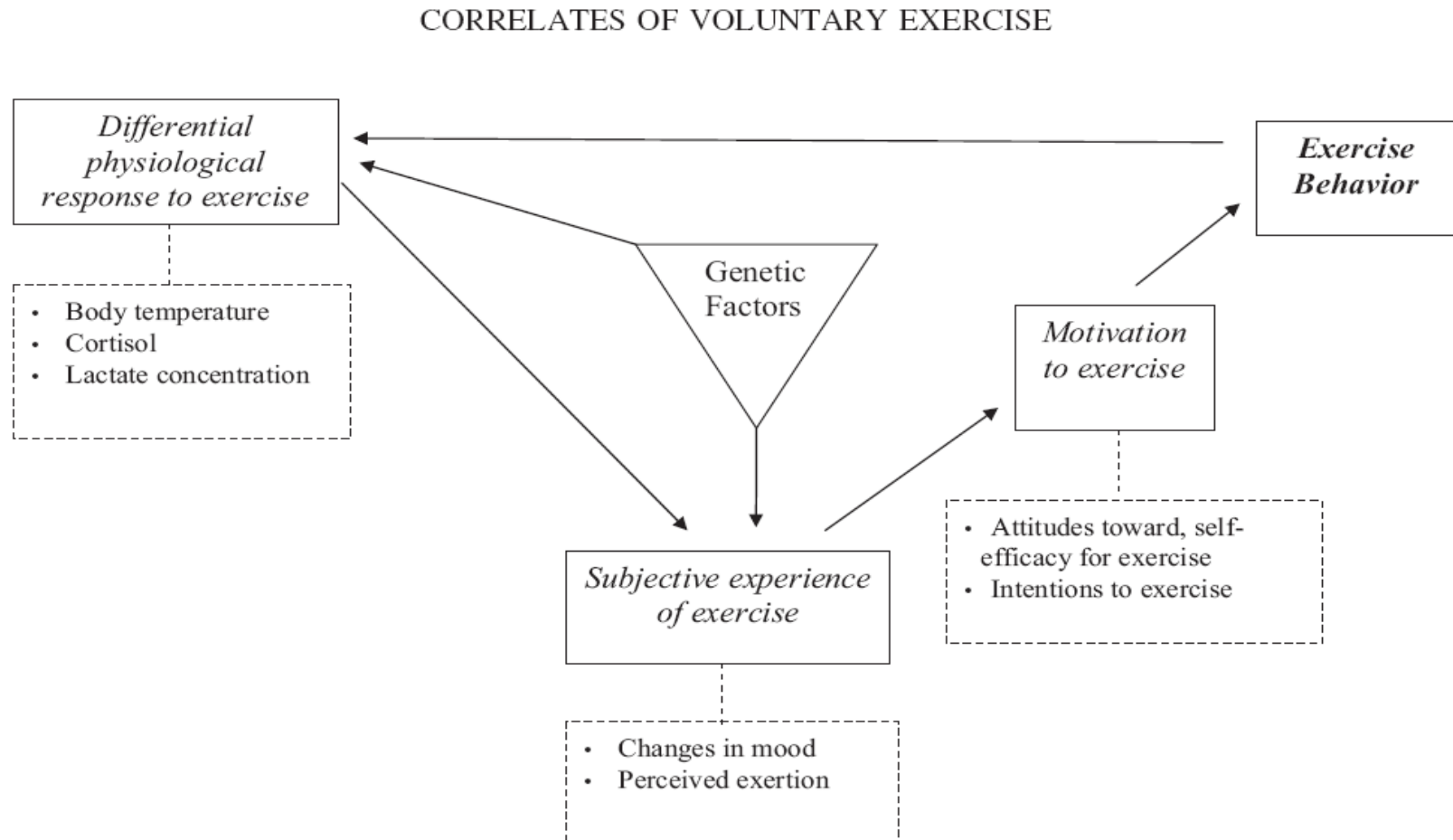
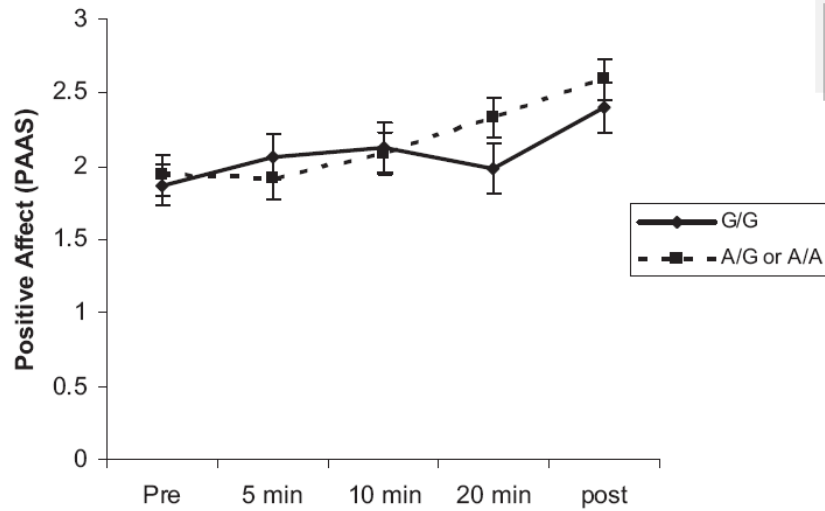


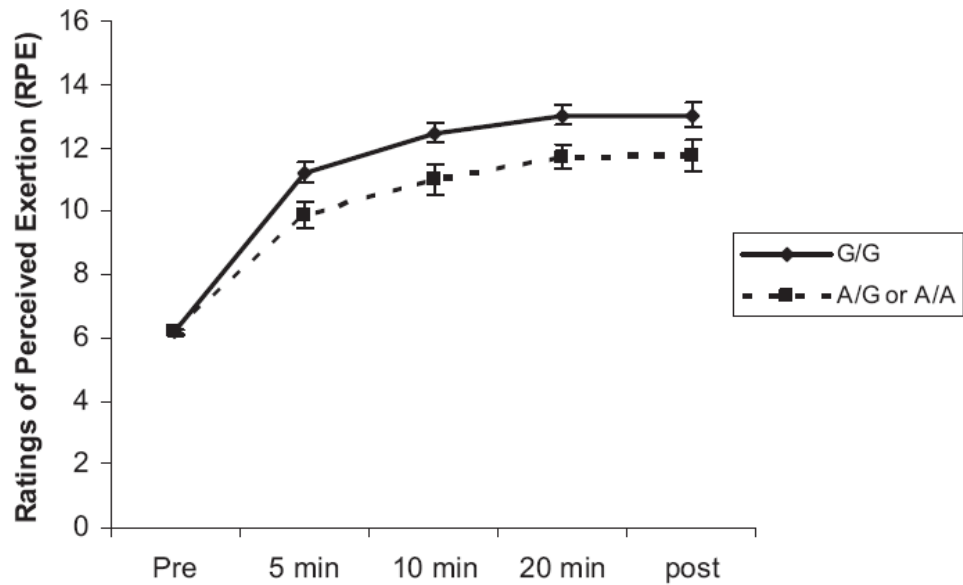
Figure 1. Transdisciplinary model of exercise behavior.

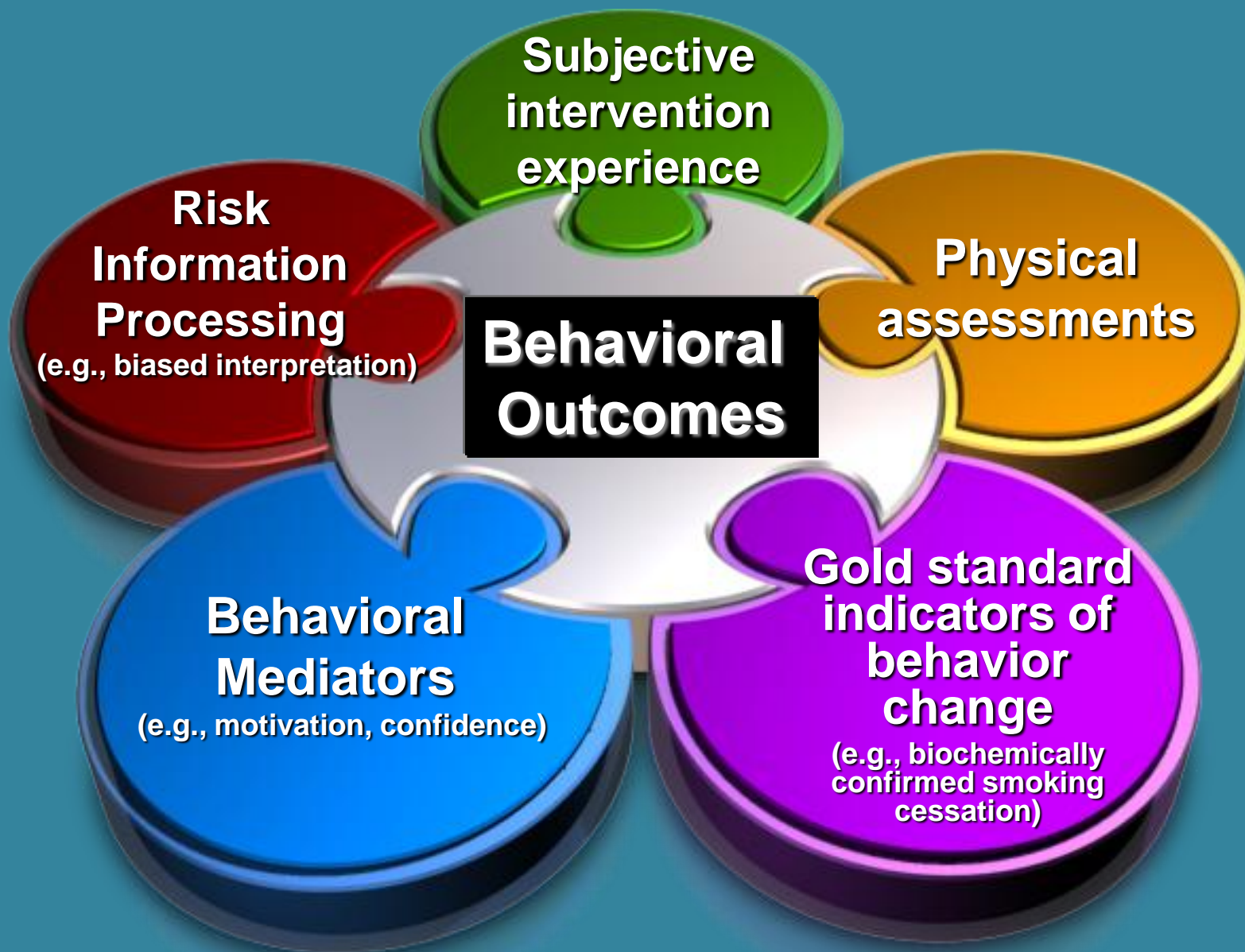
CORRELATES OF VOLUNTARY EXERCISE

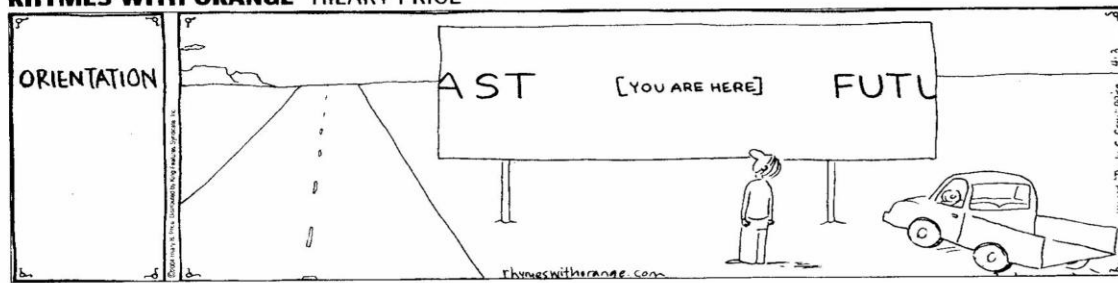


Positive Affect

Perceived Exertion







Where do we go from here....

- **Set priorities for behavioral research & genomics**
 - Apply models like REAIM to develop phased research plan
 - Conceptually based research questions
- **Anticipate direction of genomic discovery**
 - Move beyond psychological effects of genetic risk communication
- **“Deconstruct” behavioral phenotypes**
 - Measure intermediate pathways of influence that might affect behavioral adherence
 - Move to a bi-directional influence models (e.g., systems thinking)

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