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# Turning Big Biology Data into Insights on Disease – The Power of Circulating Biomarkers

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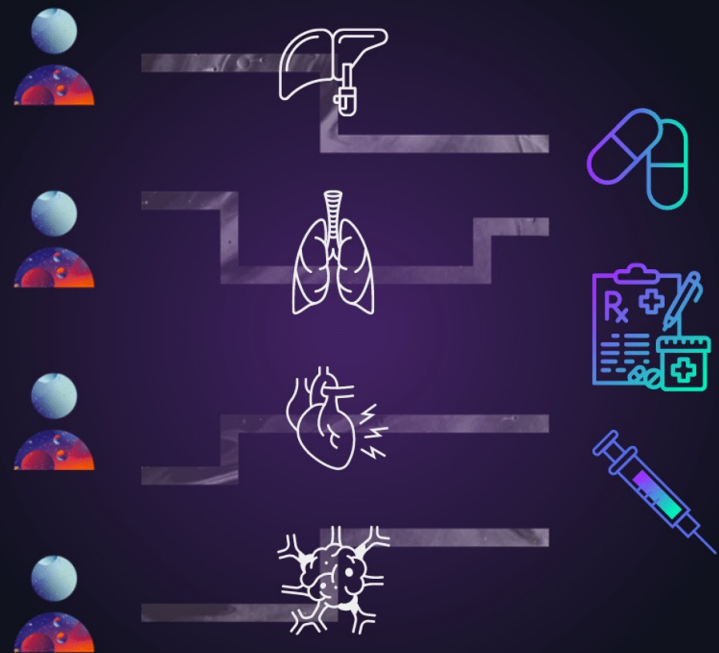
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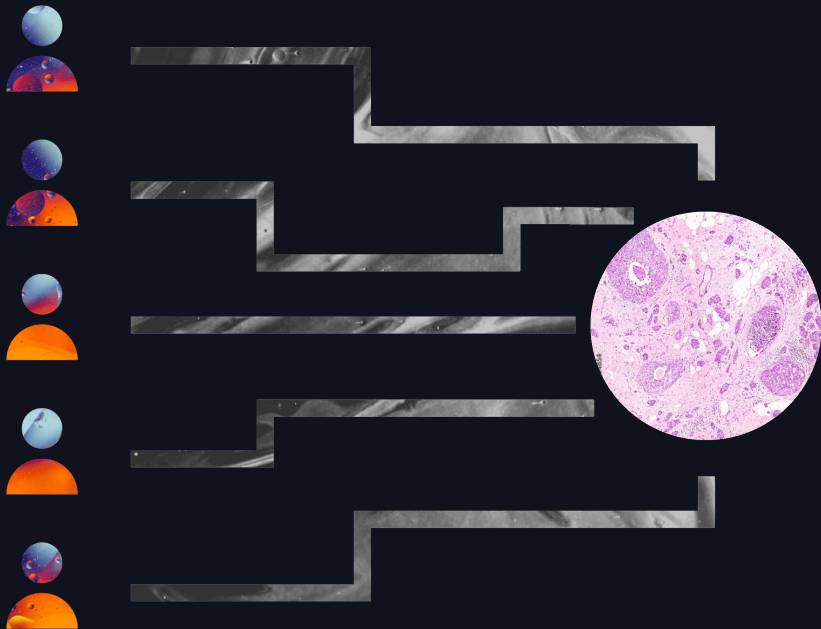
Drug development is associated with a >90% failure rate.

Even FDA-approved agents in clinical studies are only effective in a minority of individuals.

This is due to a fundamental misalignment among patients, disease, and therapies that must be addressed to transform **drug development** and **diagnostics** and improve **health quality** while reducing **cost of care**.



# Why is drug development so challenging?



## The Fundamental Mismatch

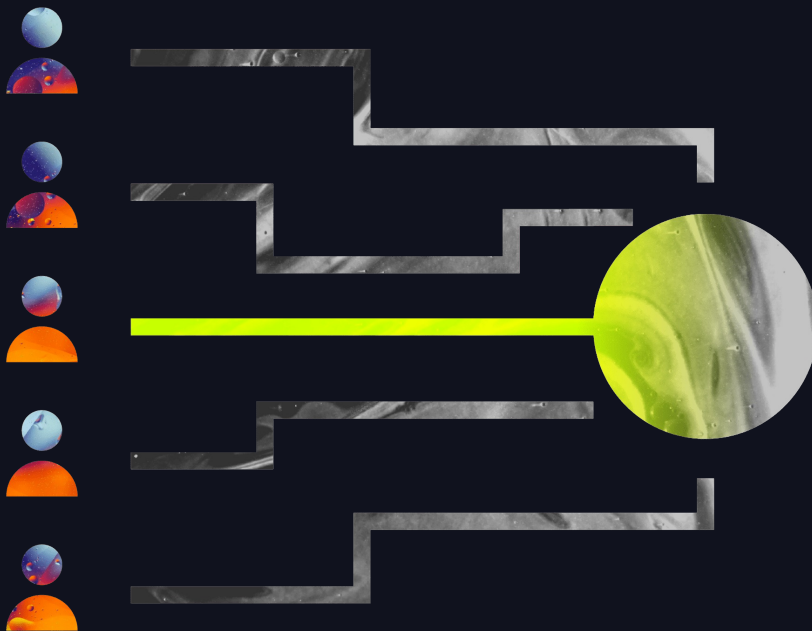
Diseases are singularly defined based on end pathology, but most represent **diverse groupings of contributing factors**.

Disease heterogeneity significantly impacts:

- ✗ **EFFICACY**  
Leads to over-treatment of non-responder populations
- ✗ **SAFETY**  
Non-responders absorb all the risk of drug without benefit
- ✗ **COST**  
From sizing trials to include enough responder patients

# How can we overcome this challenge?

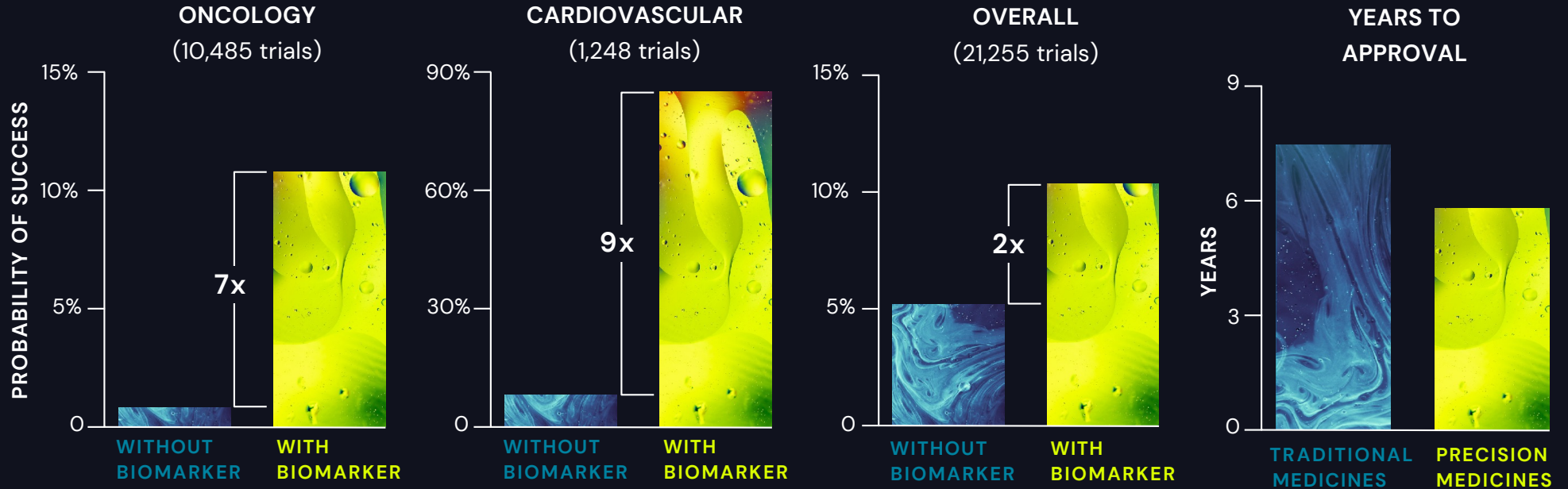
## With biomarkers.



Circulating biomarkers align:

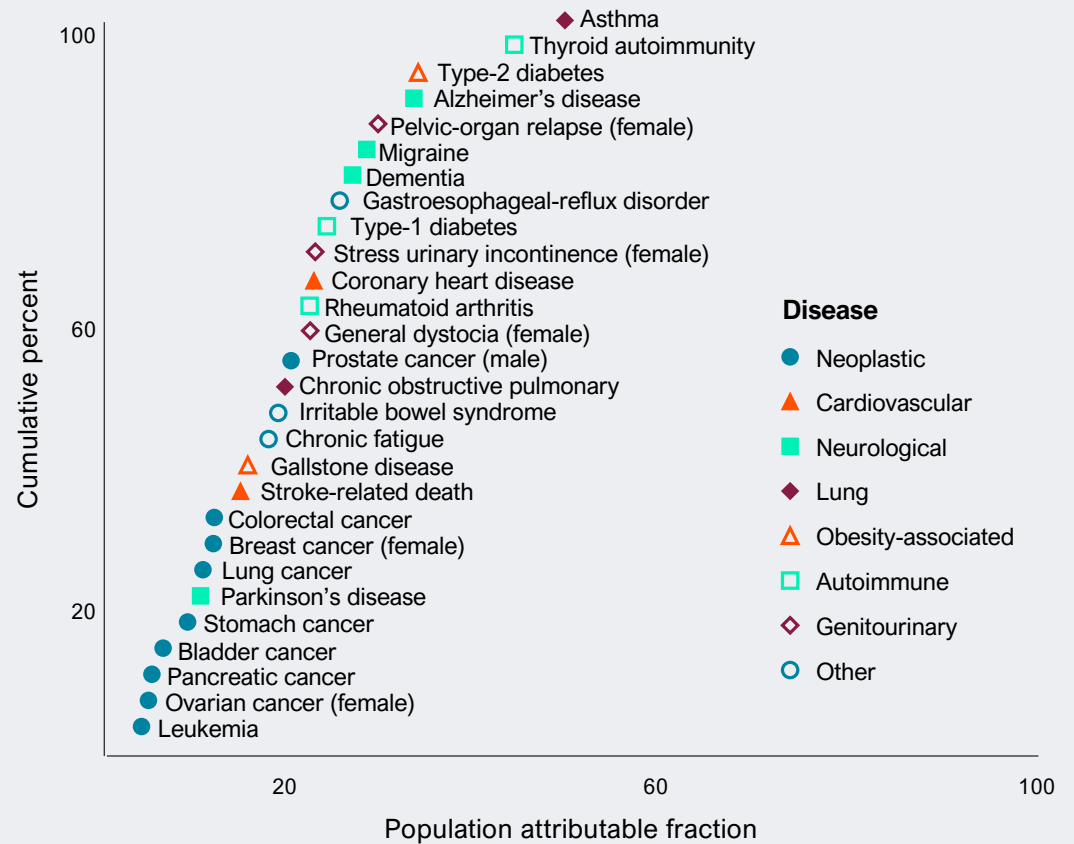
- ✓ **THE RIGHT PATIENT**  
To identify those most likely to respond to therapy
- ✓ **THE RIGHT DISEASE**  
To elucidate contributing factors & biological pathways
- ✓ **THE RIGHT THERAPY**  
To optimize dosing and timing of treatment

# Biomarkers increase FDA approval rates >2-10x & drive 22% faster time to approval.



# Underlying risks for most human diseases are only partially encoded in genomes.

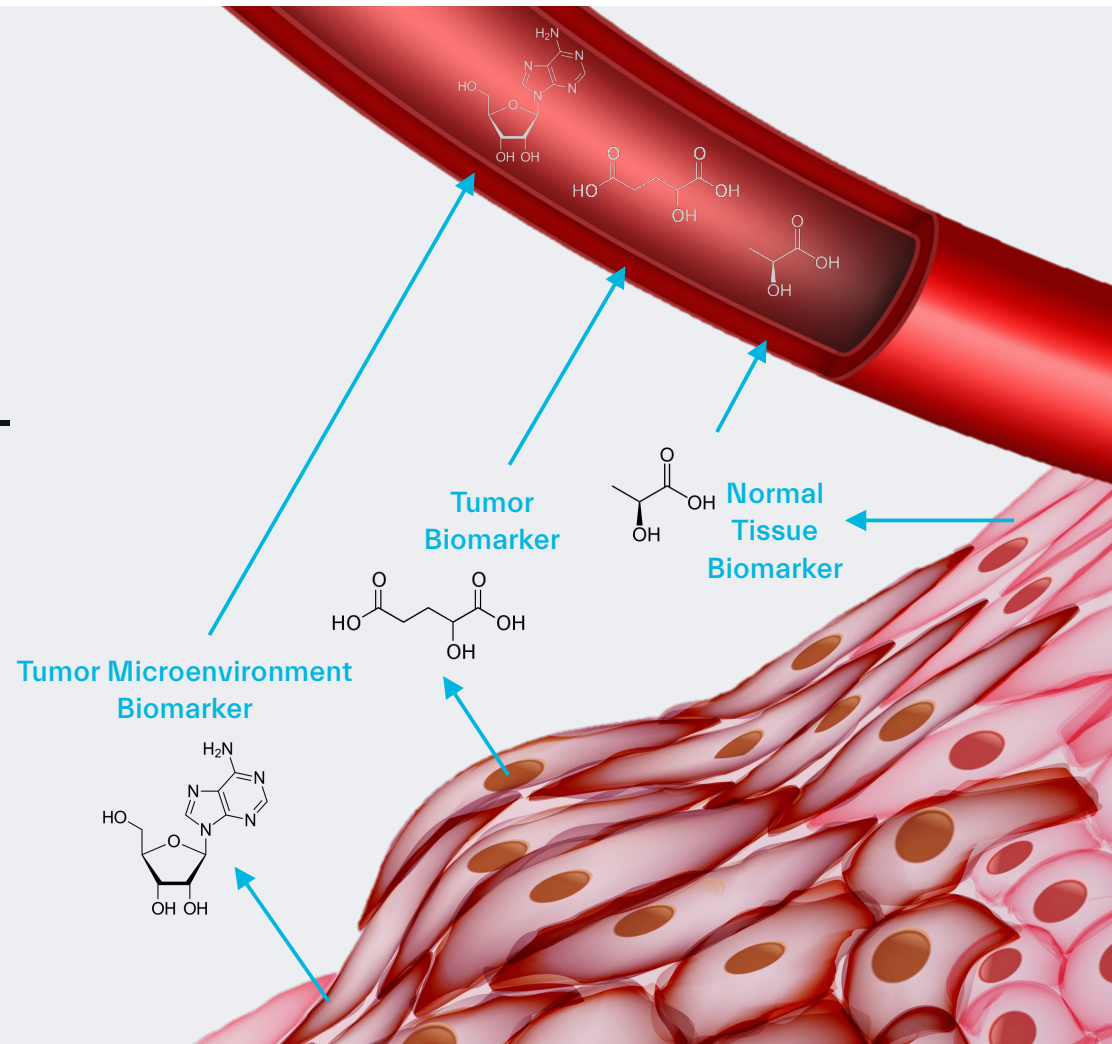
>85% of risk factors and biomarkers for disease are **still unexplored.**



# Small molecule biomarkers in blood read out genetic and non-genetic factors that contribute to human disease.

✓ **REFLECT**  
real-time  
disease  
processes

✓ **RELEASE**  
from tissue into  
central circulation for  
non-invasive capture

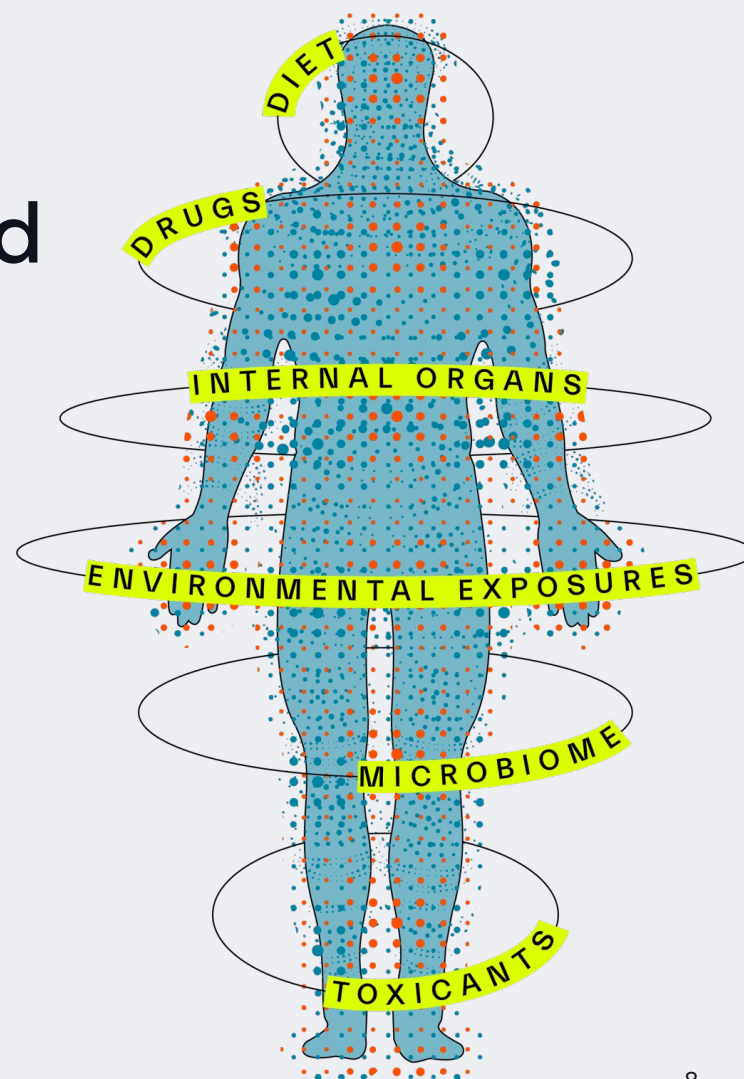


# Human blood contains thousands of yet unmapped small molecule biomarkers.

They hold the potential to elucidate human health and disease across populations, informing on:

- **Host** organ level physiology
- Local **disease** processes
- Effects of **exposures** stemming from both lifestyle and environment

Herein we describe a new approach to map the chemistry of blood at population scale.

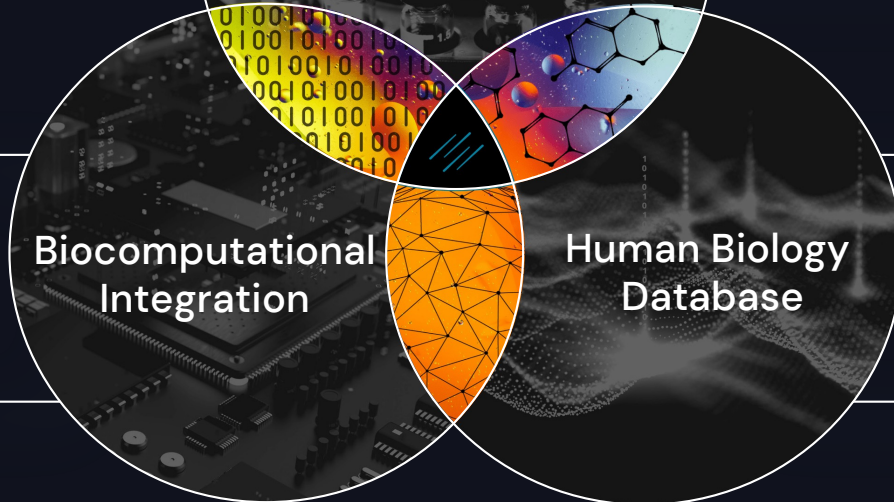




# Our platform integrates 3 core components.



Next-gen, proprietary rLC-MS that enables ultra high throughput, population-level biomarker discovery



Expert data science team that applies statistical and ML tools to identify key biomarkers that drive actionable insight

Encompassing data from >100,000 human biosamples for cross-validation of biomarkers

# Analytical Technology

## Rapid liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (rLC-MS)

- **Sensitivity** to measure >11,000 small molecule biomarkers
- **Speed** with analytical cycle time of <1 minute per sample
- **Capture** of broad chemistries
- **Capacity** to handle thousands of biosamples

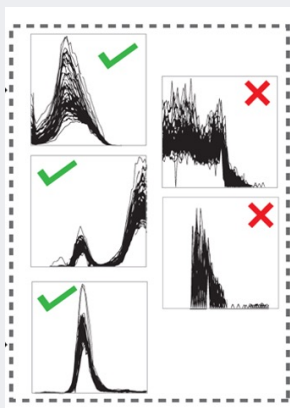


# Biocomputational Integration

## Using statistical and machine learning tools

- Integration of high-dimensional data:

- Preclinical models
- Genomics
- Human biology
- Clinical outcomes



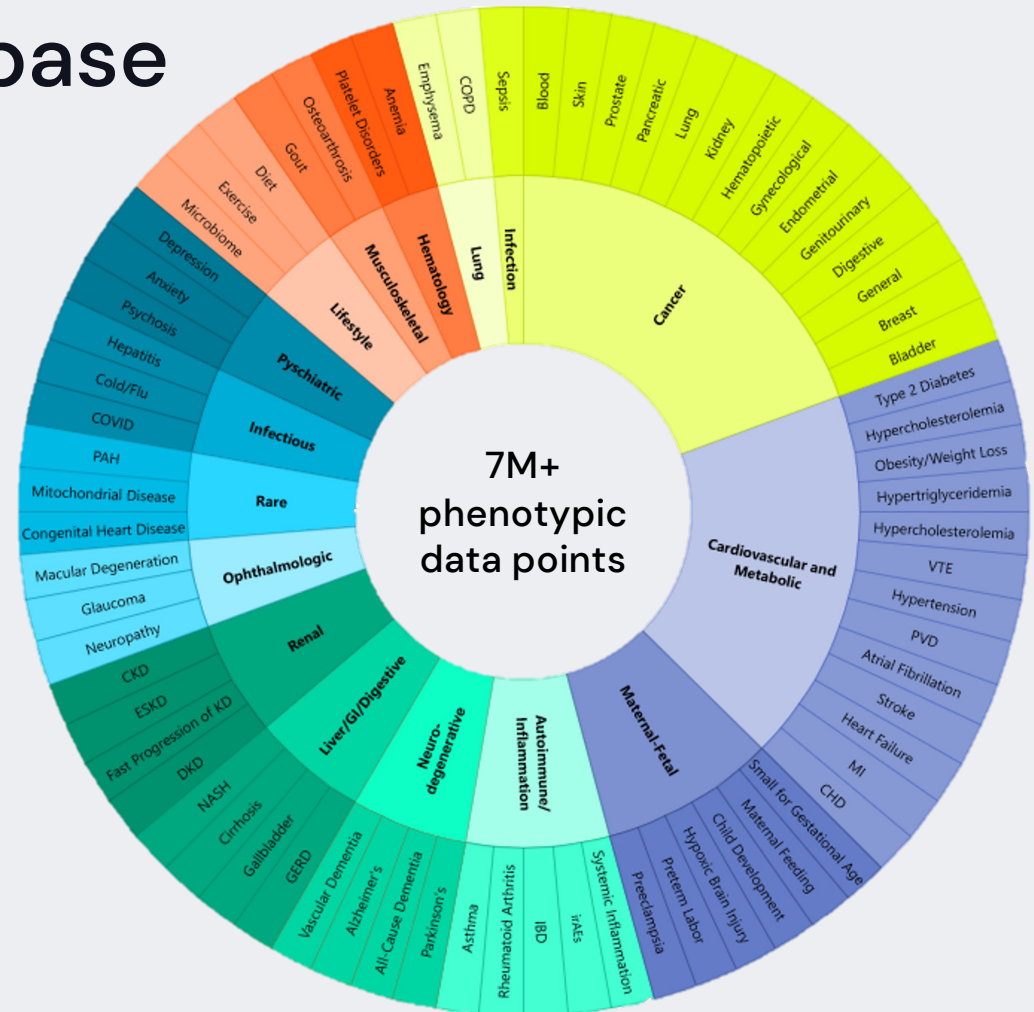
### Powered by a Proprietary Mass Spectrometry Data Extraction Pipeline

- **Scalable** computing clusters
- Machine learning to remove **up to 90%** of false spectral peaks without reducing true signals
- **Neural network**-based pattern recognition
- **Distributed** image processing

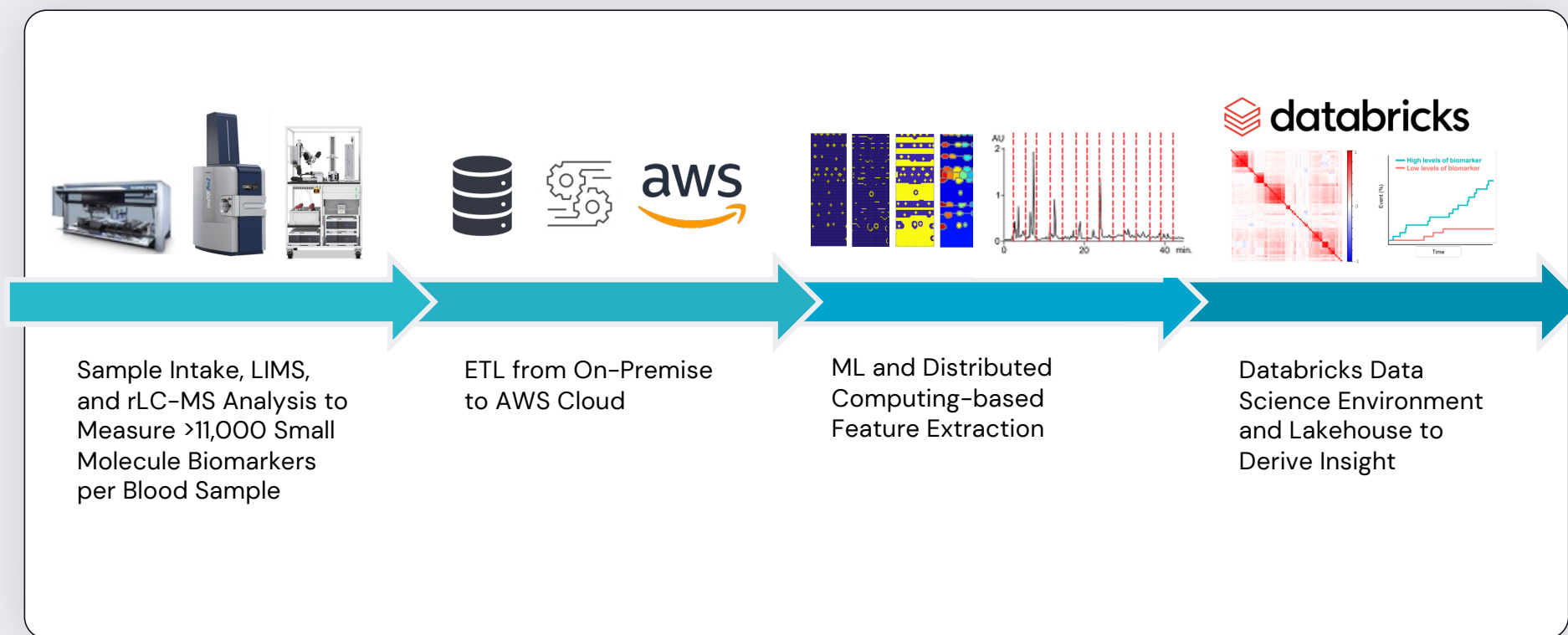
# Human Biology Database

Built from molecular profiling of samples from >100,000 individuals

- Cohorts across **diverse** backgrounds, demographics, geographies, lifestyles, diseases, and medication regimens
- **Decades of follow-up** across patients with data on diet, exercise, mental health, clinical outcomes, etc.
- **Genetic** information for a subset of subjects and **microbiome** sequencing data

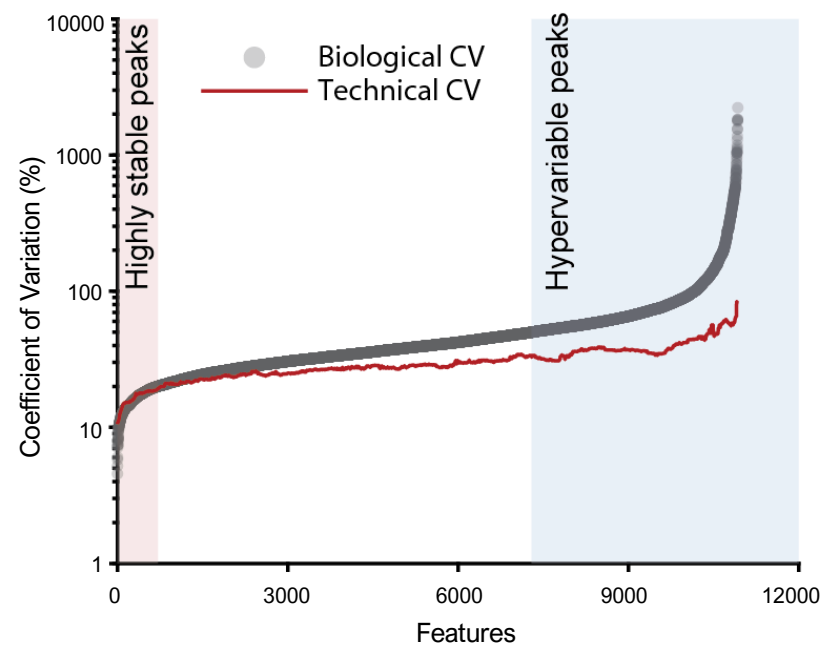
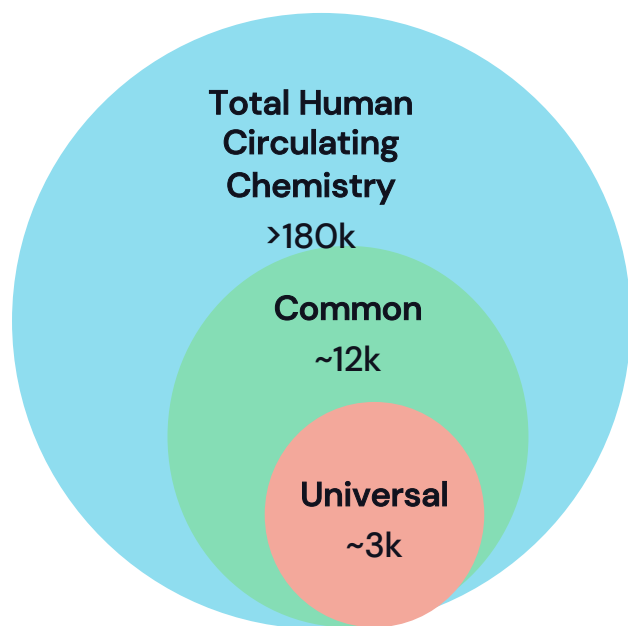


# Embedded in an integrated discovery platform



# Learnings from large-scale biomarker profiling

Widespread human chemical diversity

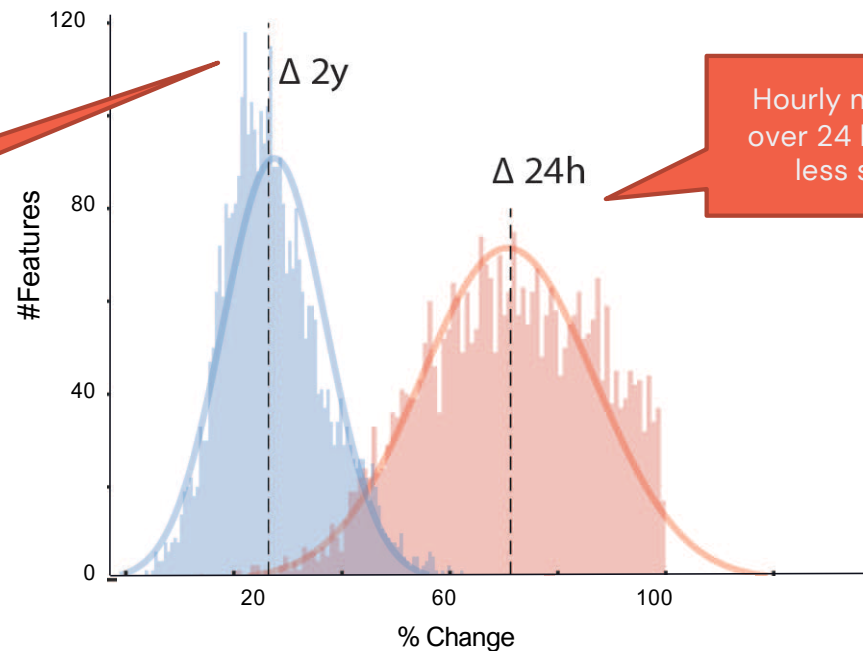


# Learnings from large-scale biomarker profiling

Features vary more over a day than over years

Stability of features  
in 412 individuals

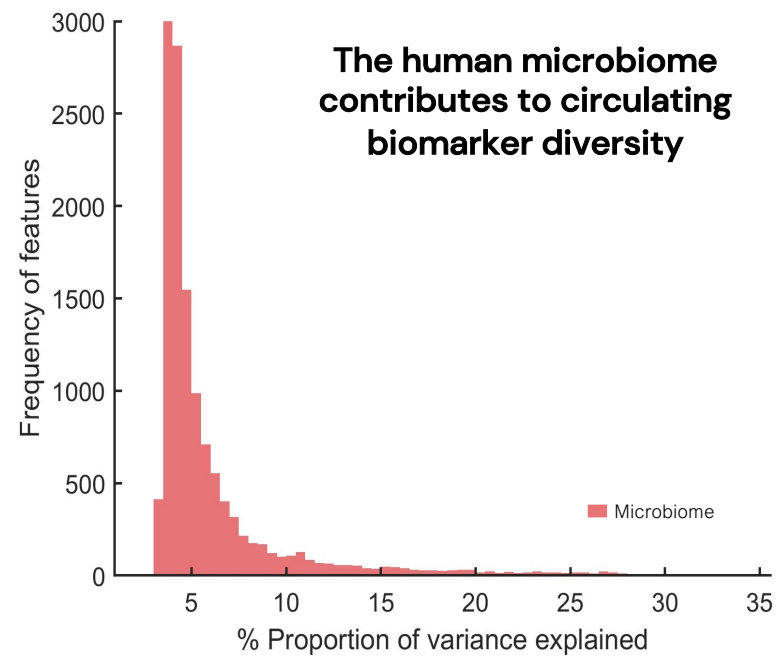
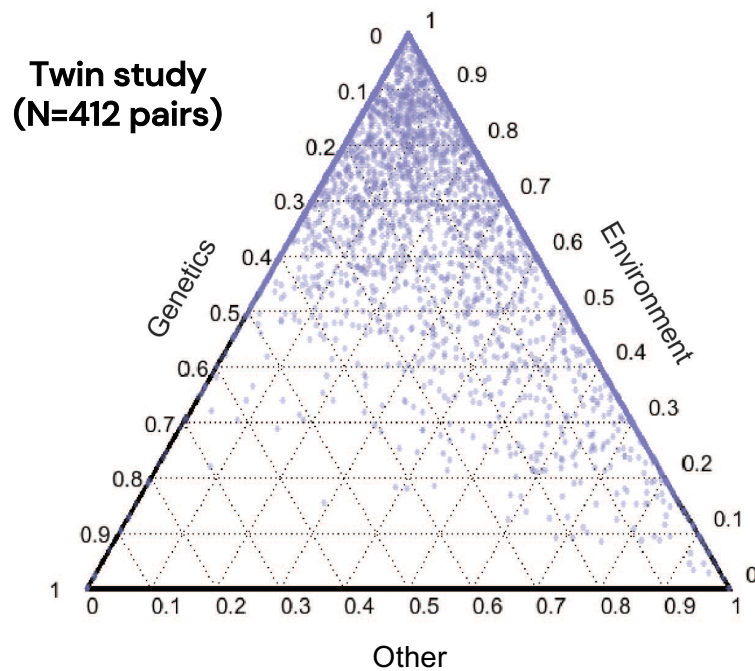
Fasting monthly  
measures over 24  
months are stable



Hourly measures  
over 24 hours are  
less stable

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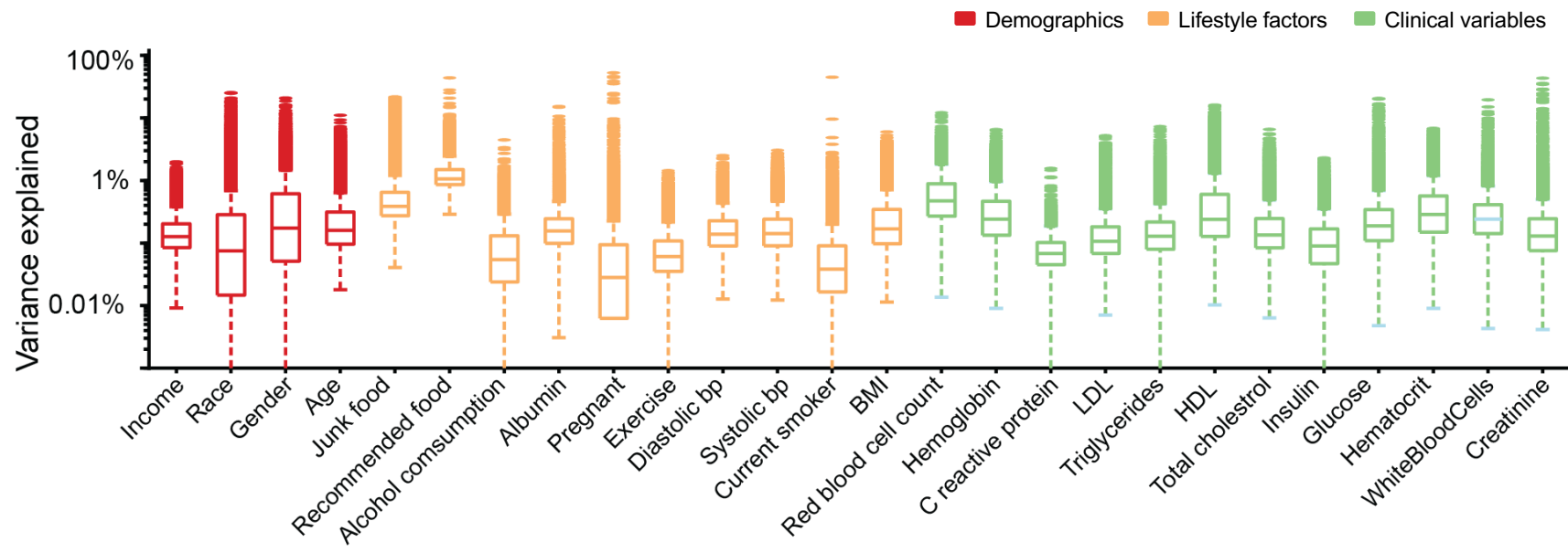
Most variation is attributable to environmental factors





# Learnings from large-scale biomarker profiling

Demographic, lifestyle, and clinical variables contribute to overall circulating biomarkers



Case Study

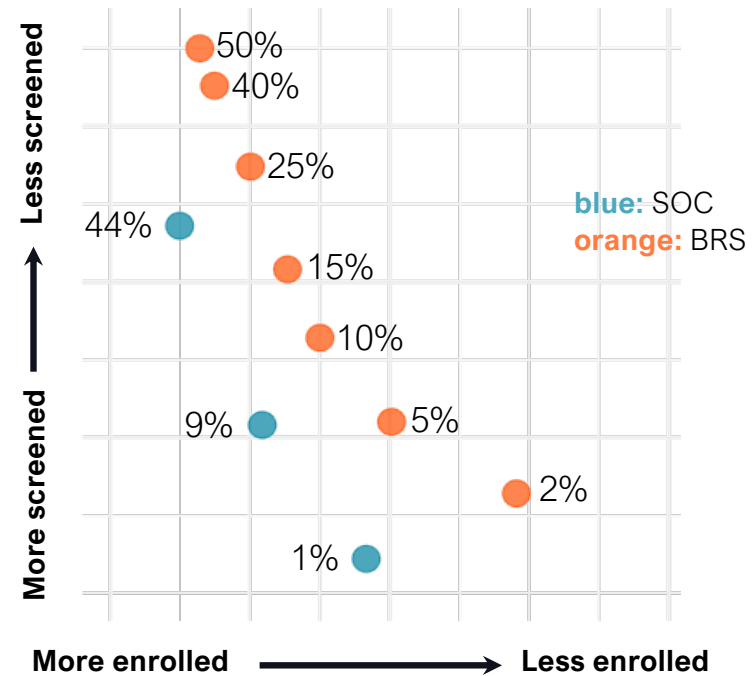
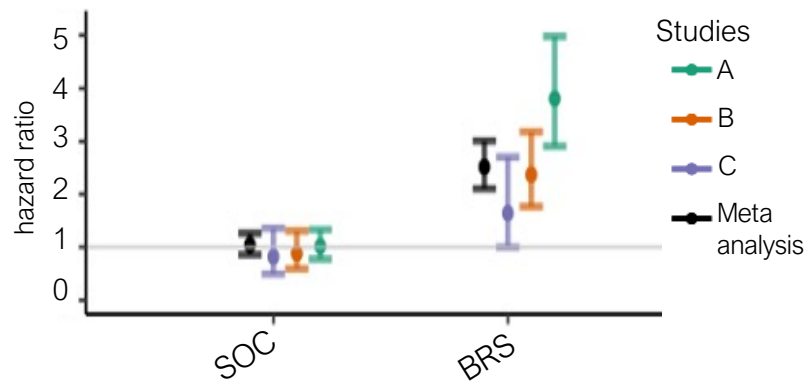
# Discovery of a biomarker for disease prognosis

# Use biomarker risk score for clinical trial enrichment

Selecting individuals at high risk of disease-related event

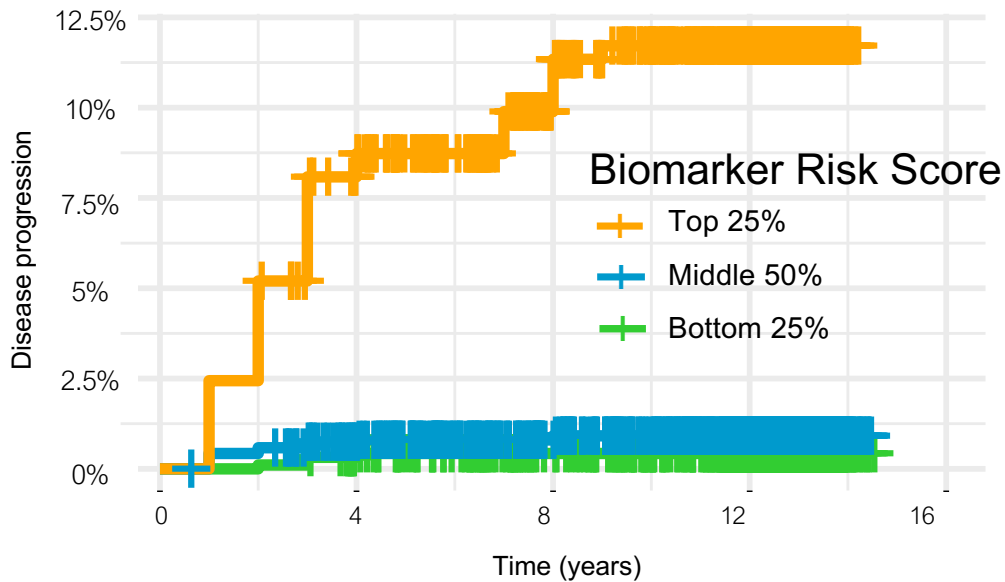
**SOC:** standard of care

**BRS:** Biomarker Risk Score



# Longitudinal human database discovery

## Leveraging Sapient's Human Biology Database



### Patient Stratification

Across multiple diverse populations, Sapient's Human Biology Database confirms the key circulating biomarkers predict individuals at risk for rapid disease progression.

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Thank you!

Any questions?



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