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# **Pharmacogenomics**

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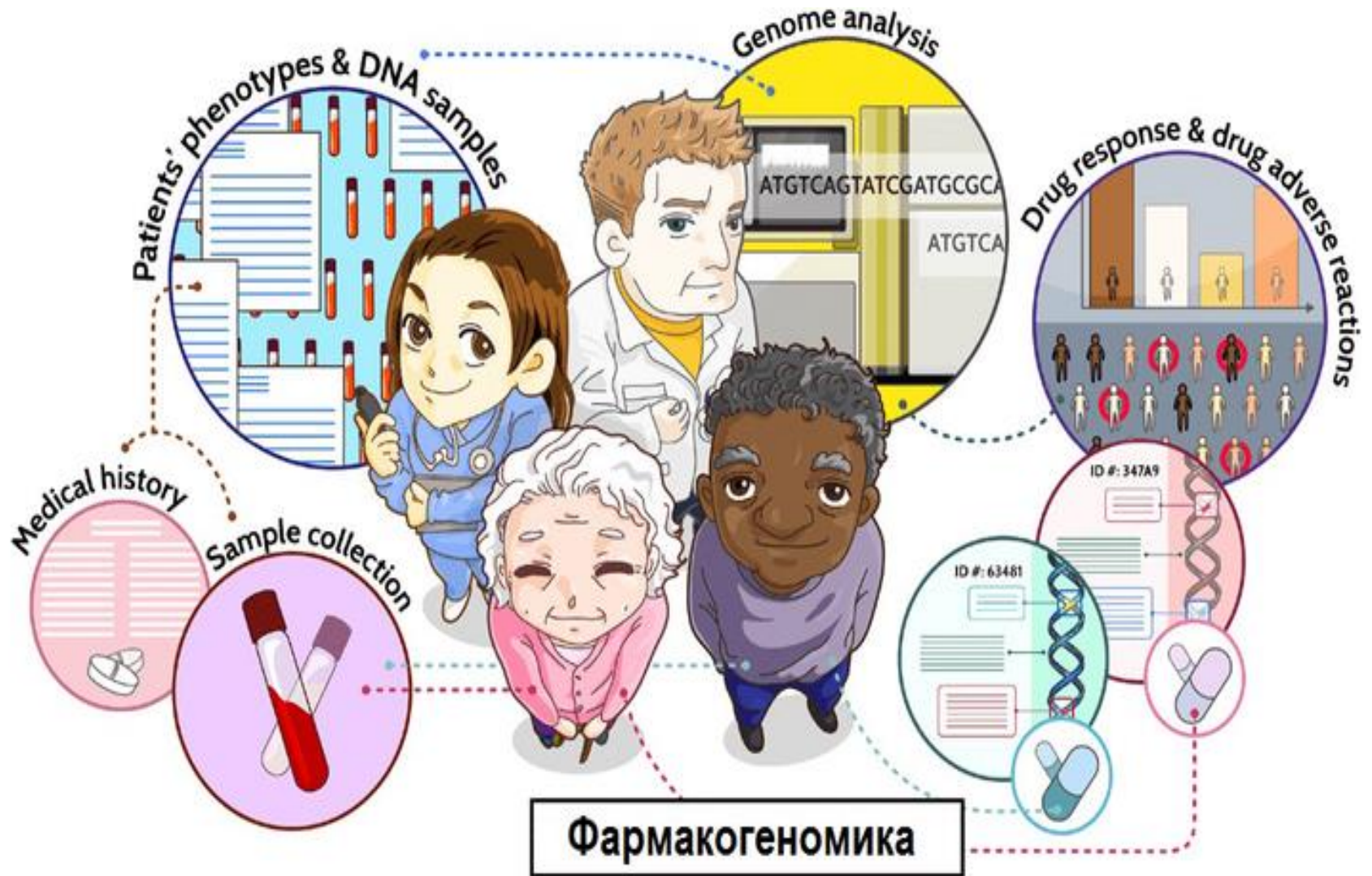
# LEARNING OUTCOMES

## As a result of the lesson you will be able to:

- 1. Explain the difference between the terms “pharmacogenetics” and “pharmacogenomics”.
- 2. Characterize the mechanisms of genetically based human reactions to the medical drugs, give the specific examples.
- 3. Describe the methods of pharmacogenomics.

# Definitions

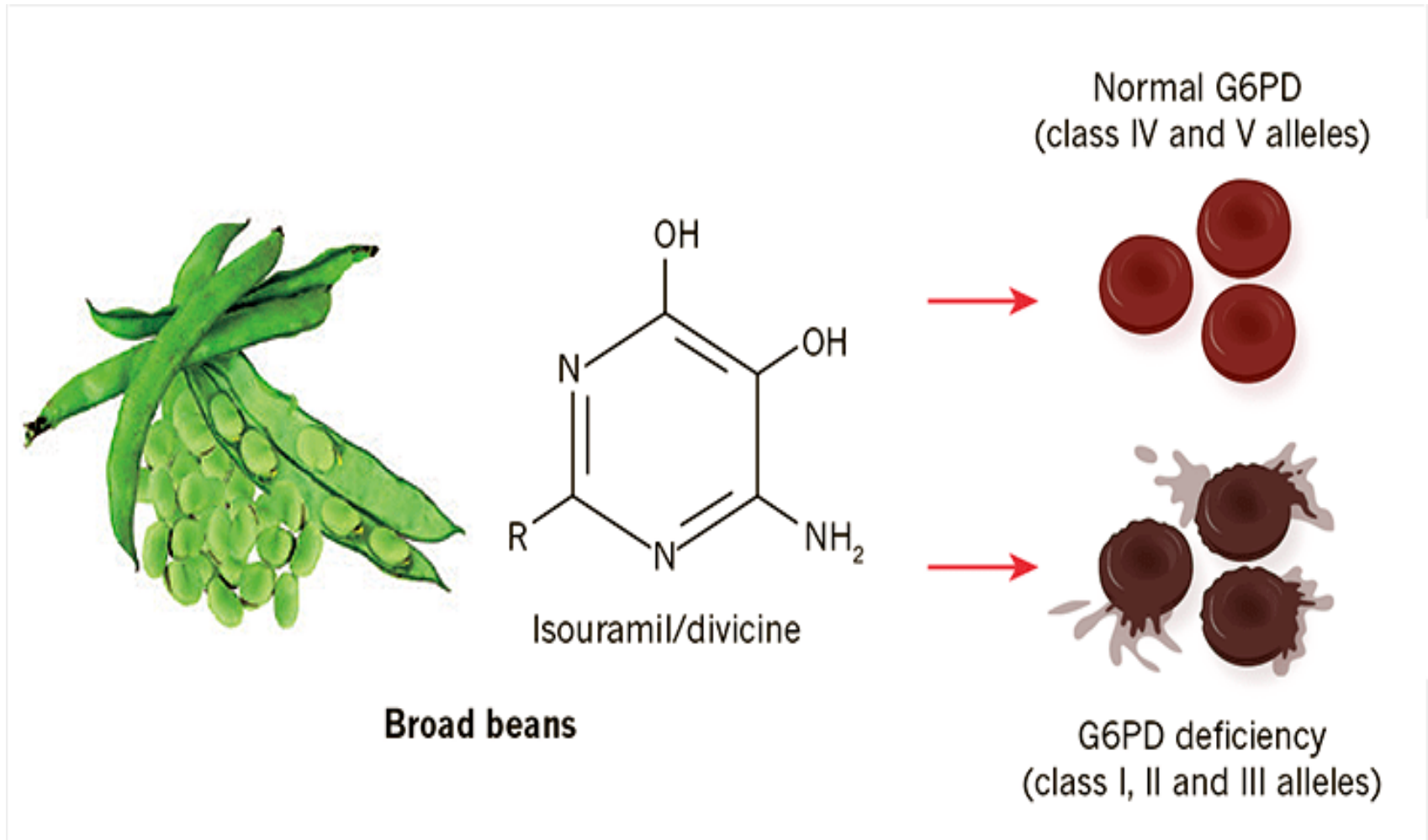
- **Pharmacogenomics** is the study of the role of the genome in drug response. Its name (pharmaco- + genomics) reflects its combining of pharmacology and genomics. Pharmacogenomics analyzes how the genetic makeup of an individual affects his/her response to drugs.[1]
- **Pharmacogenetics** focuses on single drug-gene interactions, while pharmacogenomics encompasses a more **genome-wide association** approach, incorporating genomics and epigenetics while dealing with the effects of multiple genes on drug response.[2][3][4]



<https://biomolecula.ru/articles/farmakogenomika-izuchenie-genov-na-sluzhbe-personalizirovannoi-meditsiny>

# History

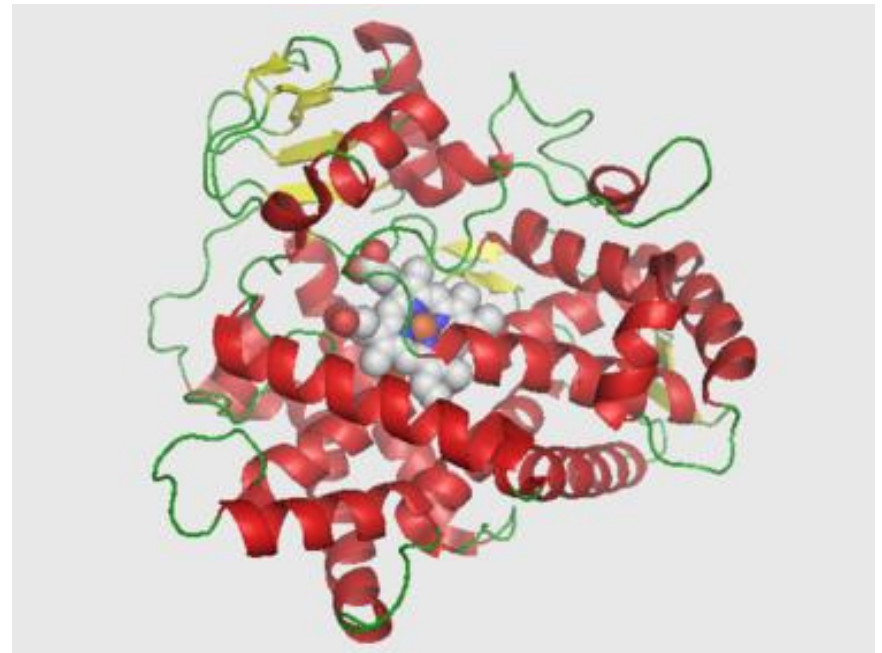
- Pharmacogenomics was first recognized by **Pythagoras** around 510 BC when he made a connection between the dangers of fava bean ingestion with hemolytic anemia and oxidative stress. This identification was later validated and attributed to deficiency of **G6PD** in the 1950s and called **favism**.<sup>[5]</sup><sup>[6]</sup> Although the first official publication dates back to 1961,<sup>[7]</sup> circa 1950s marked the unofficial beginnings of this science. Reports of prolonged paralysis and fatal reactions linked to genetic variants in patients who lacked **butyryl-cholinesterase** (‘**pseudocholinesterase**’) following administration of succinylcholine injection during anesthesia were first reported in 1956.<sup>[8]</sup> The term pharmacogenetics was first coined in 1959 by Friedrich Vogel of Heidelberg, Germany (although some papers suggest it was 1957 or 1958).<sup>[9]</sup> In the late 1960s, twin studies supported the inference of genetic involvement in drug metabolism, with identical twins sharing remarkable similarities to drug response compared to fraternal twins.<sup>[10]</sup> The term pharmacogenomics first began appearing around the 1990s.<sup>[5]</sup>
- The first FDA approval of a pharmacogenetic test was in 2005<sup>[11]</sup> (for alleles in *CYP2D6* and *CYP2C19*).



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# Drug-metabolizing enzymes

- **Cytochrome P450s**
- **VKORC1 (Vitamin K epOxide Reductase Complex (VKORC) subunit 1)**
- **TPMT (Thiopurine methyltransferase)**

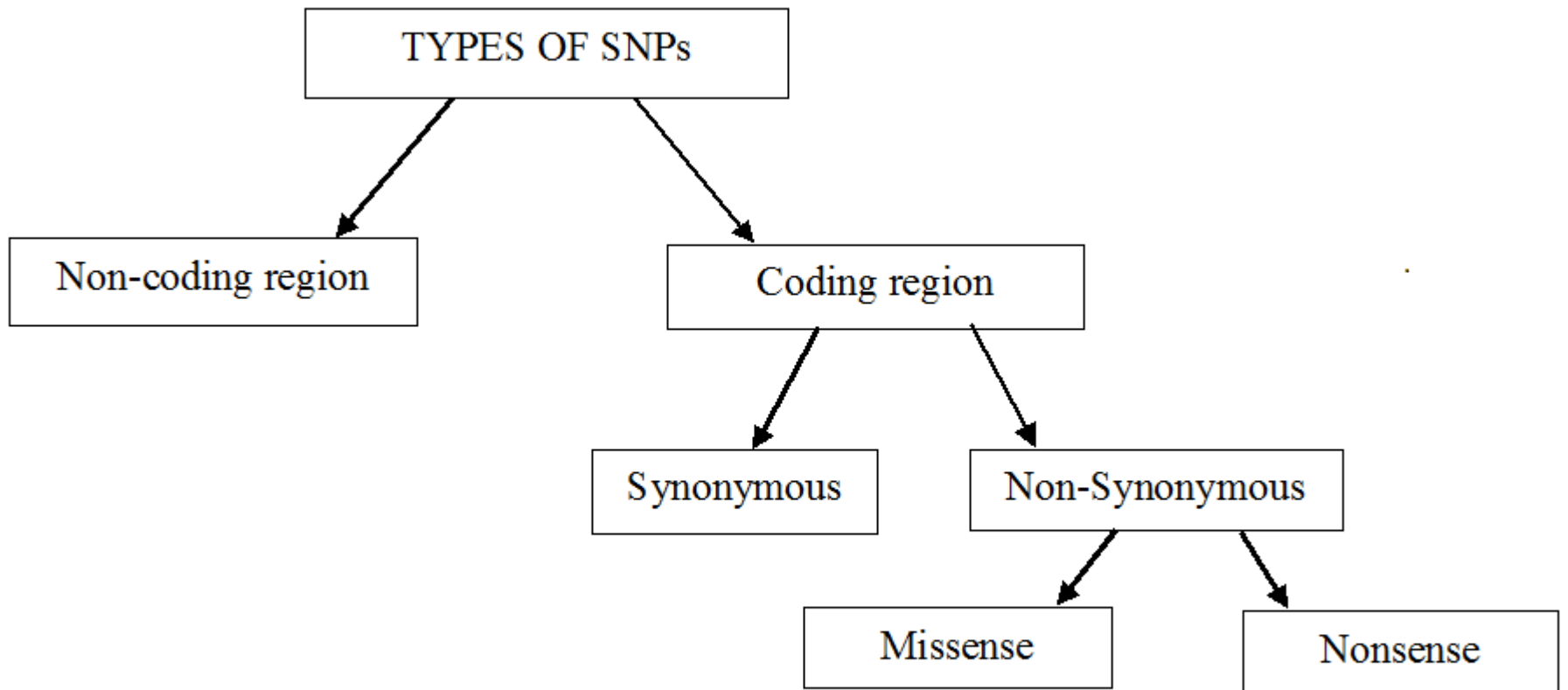


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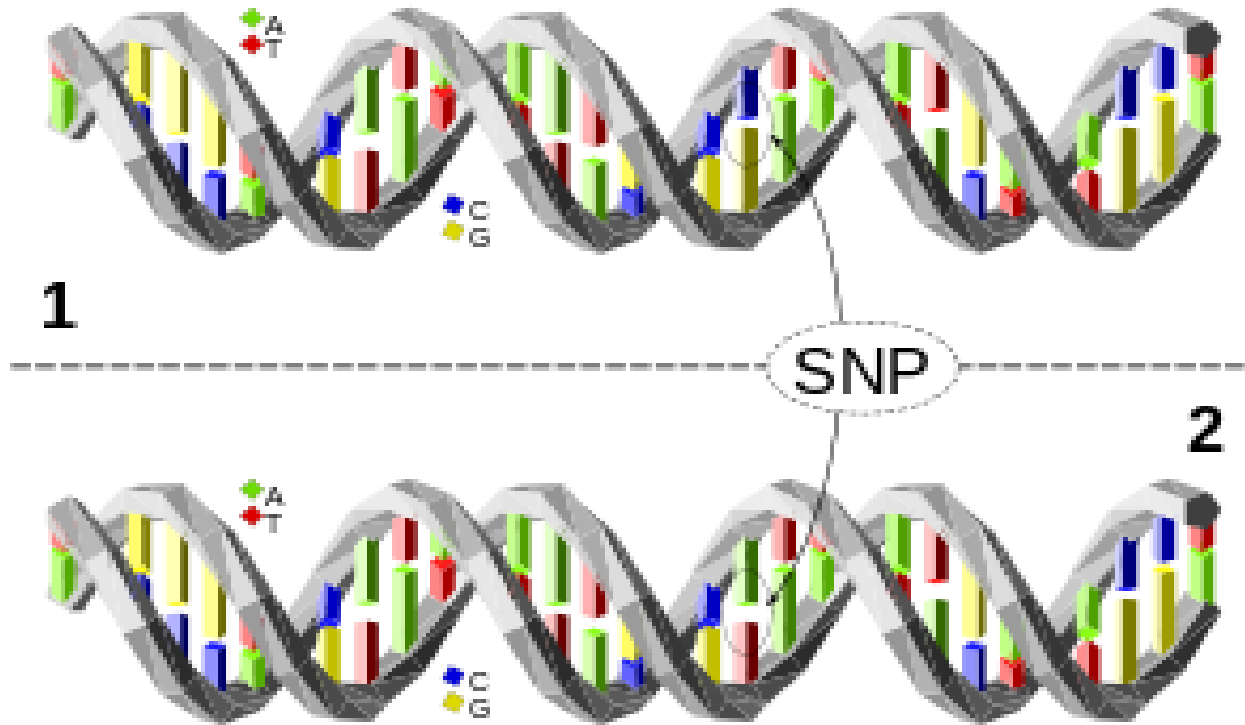
## Drug Metabolism of Major CYPs<sup>[12][13]</sup>

Enzyme	Fraction of drug metabolism (%)	Example Drugs
CYP2C9	10	Tolbutamide, ibuprofen, mefenamic acid, tetrahydrocannabinol, losartan, diclofenac
CYP2C19	5	S-mephenytoin, amitriptyline, diazepam, omeprazole, proguanil, hexobarbital, propranolol, imipramine
CYP2D6	20-30	Debrisoquine, metoprolol, sparteine, propranolol, encainide, codeine, dextromethorphan, clozapine, desipramine, haloperidol, amitriptyline, imipramine
CYP3A4	40-45	Erythromycin, ethinylestradiol, nifedipine, triazolam, cyclosporine, amitriptyline, imipramine
CYP3A5	<1	Erythromycin, ethinylestradiol, nifedipine, triazolam, cyclosporine, amitriptyline, aldosterone





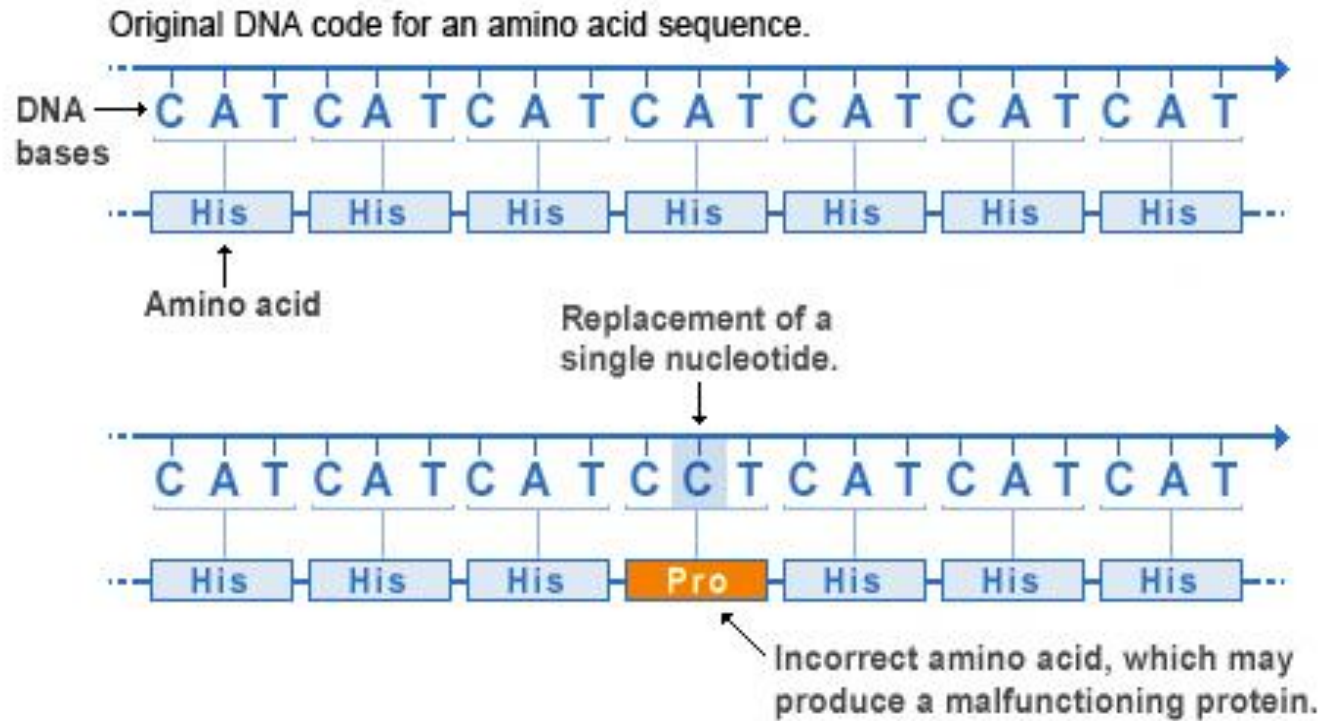
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The upper DNA molecule differs from the lower DNA molecule at a single base-pair location (a C/A polymorphism).

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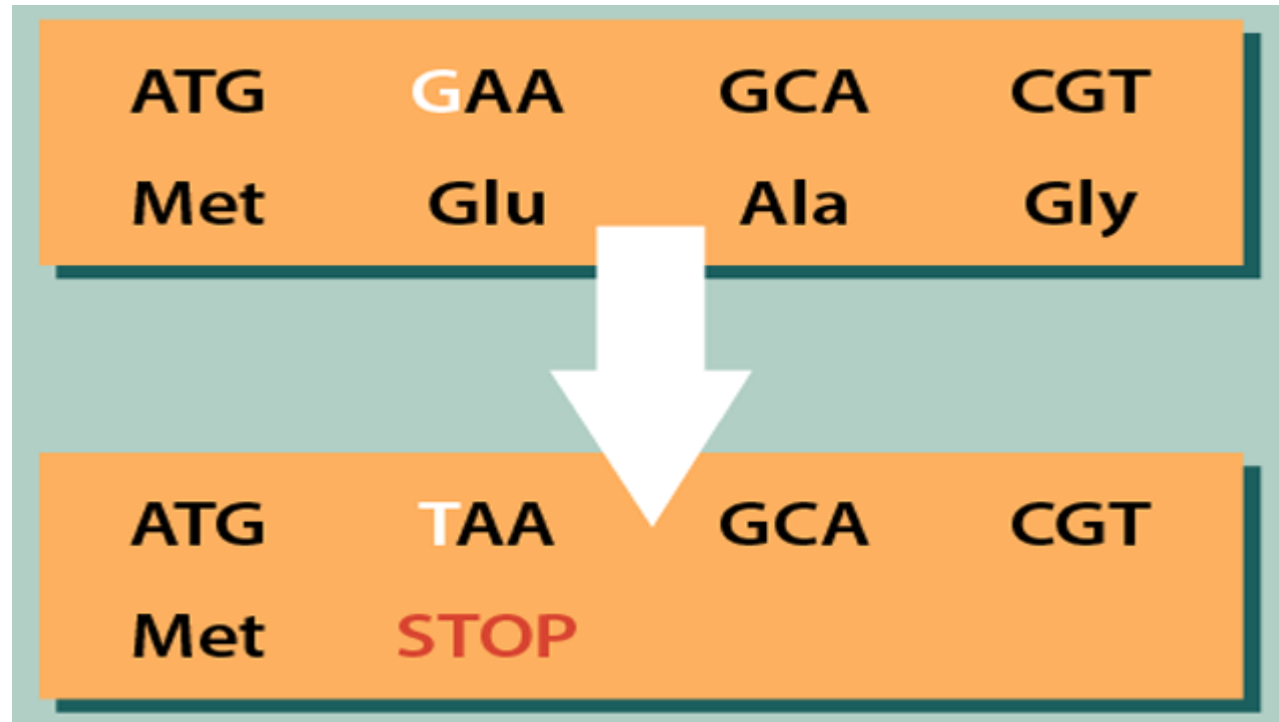
## Missense mutation



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# Non-sense mutation

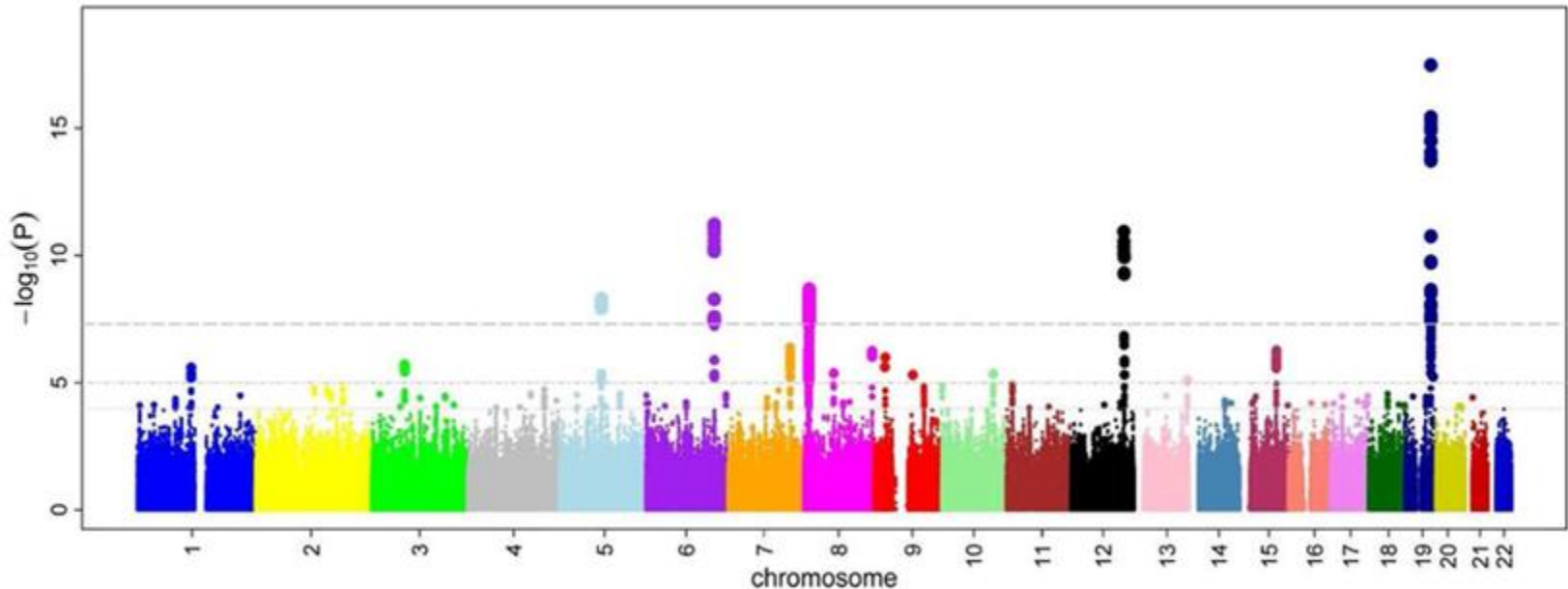


<https://www.technologynetworks.com/genomics/articles/missense-nonsense-and-frameshift-mutations-a-genetic-guide-329274>

# Methods of pharmacogenomics

- Genome-wide association study (GWAS)
- Genome sequencing methods
- Genotyping:
  - a) Restriction fragment length polymorphism (RFLP)
  - b) Polymerase chain reaction (PCR)
  - c) Amplified fragment length polymorphism (AFLP)
  - d) DNA microarray and etc.

# Genome-wide association study (GWAS)

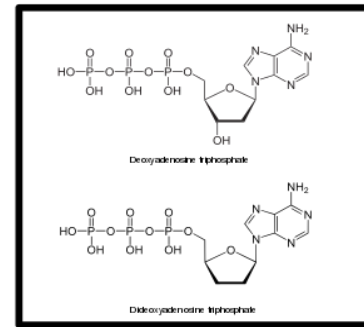


In genetics, a genome-wide association study (GWA study, or GWAS), also known as whole genome association study (WGA study, or WGAS), is an observational study of a genome-wide set of genetic variants in different individuals to see if any variant is associated with a trait. [14]

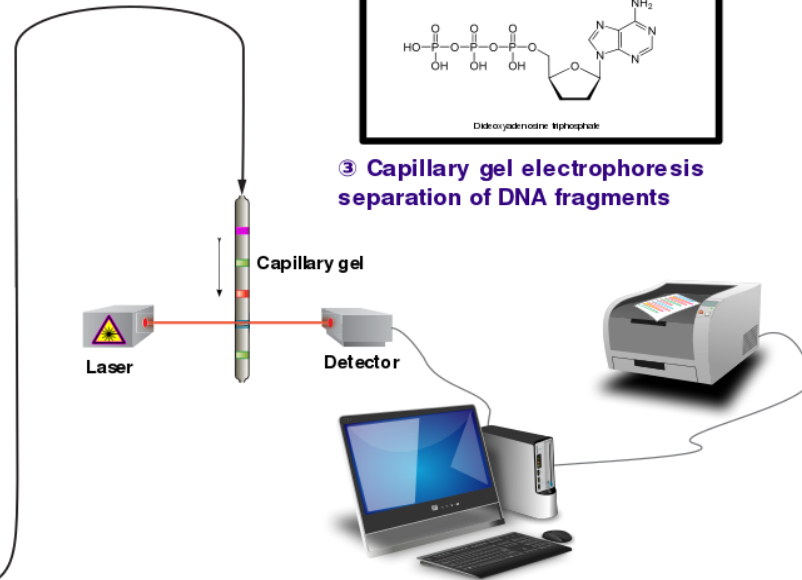
# The Sanger (chain-termination) method for DNA sequencing.

## ① Reaction mixture

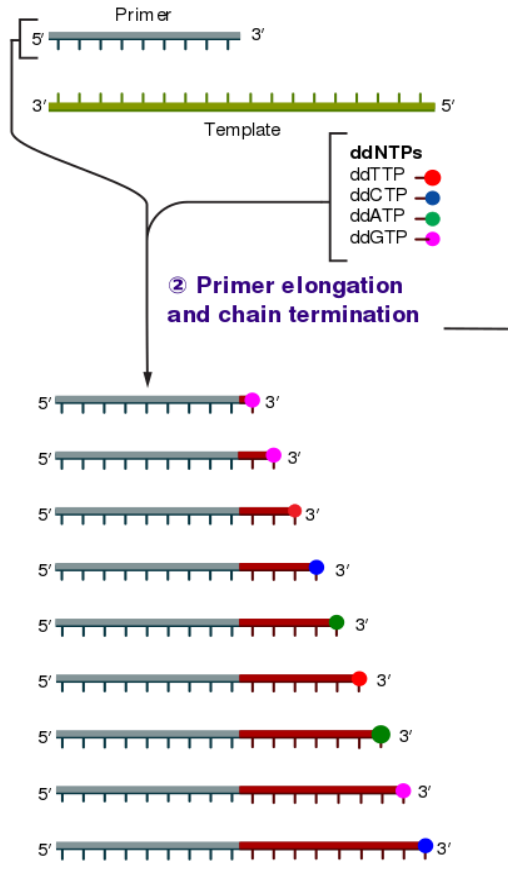
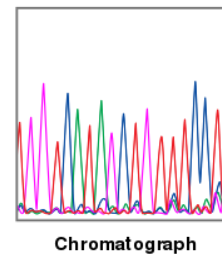
- ▶ Primer and DNA template
- ▶ DNA polymerase
- ▶ ddNTPs with flouochromes
- ▶ dNTPs (dATP, dCTP, dGTP, and dTTP)



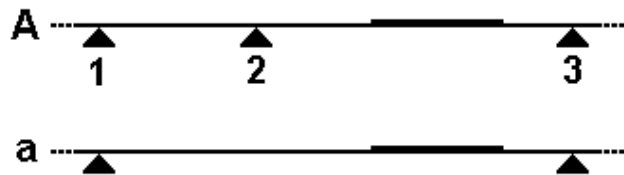
## ③ Capillary gel electrophoresis separation of DNA fragments



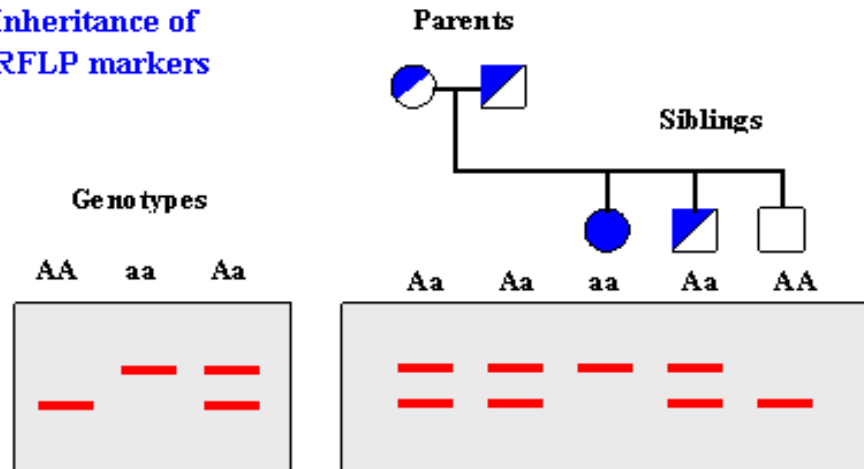
## ④ Laser detection of flouochromes and computational sequence analysis



# Restriction fragment length polymorphism



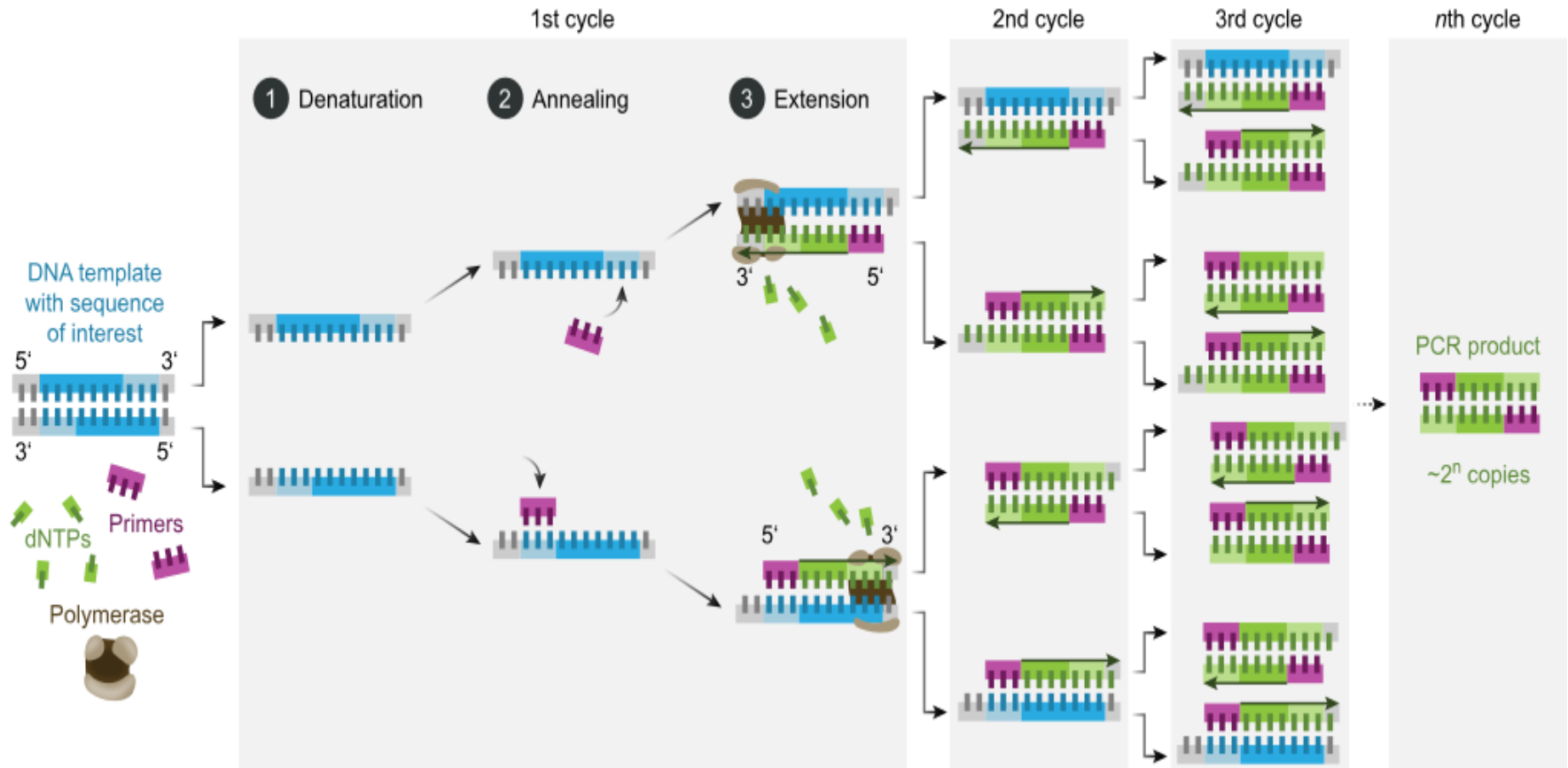
## Inheritance of RFLP markers



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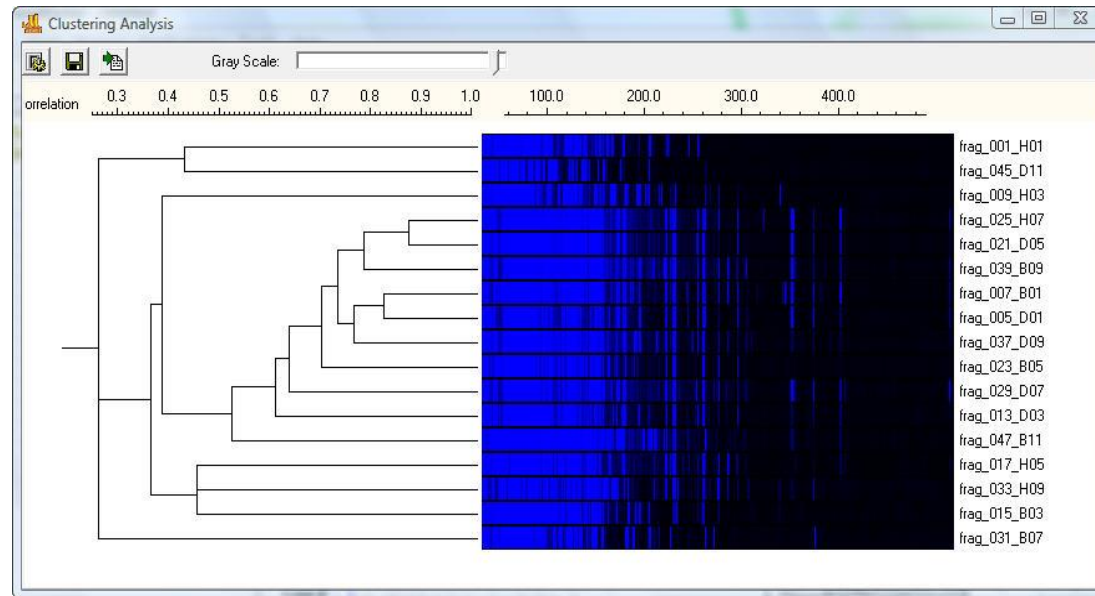
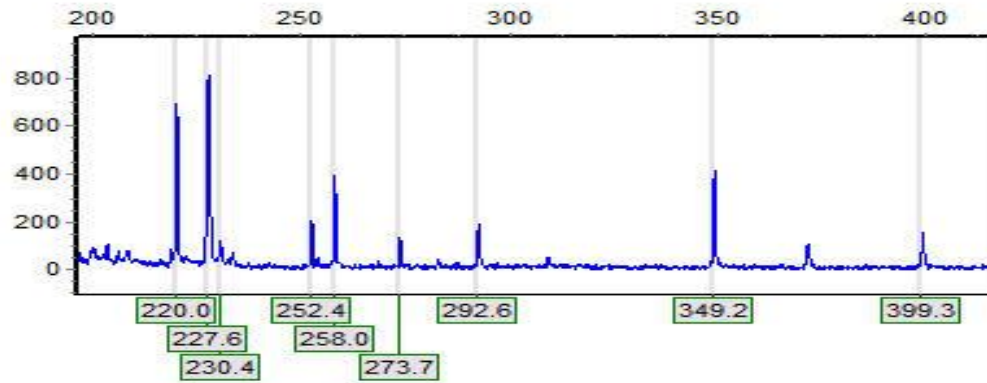


# Polymerase chain reaction (PCR)



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# Amplified fragment length polymorphism



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### Pharmacogenomic implementation

- Identify gene products involved in drug action, drug metabolizing, enzymes, transporters, drug targets
- Characterize functional and nonfunctional variants of candidate genes, allele frequency, ethnic variation
- Perform studies to establish association with response phenotypes (efficacy and/or toxicity, metabolism)
- Develop companion diagnostic test and obtain regulatory approval
- Confirm predictive value in clinical trials with a priori hypothesis and in selected patient (genotype)
- Market approved drug and companion diagnostic test
- Involve clinician and nonclinician stakeholders in planned implementation
- Perform pharmacoeconomic evaluations



**FIGURE 1:** Sequence of scientific developments and implementation steps for pharmacogenomics testing in clinical practice.

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