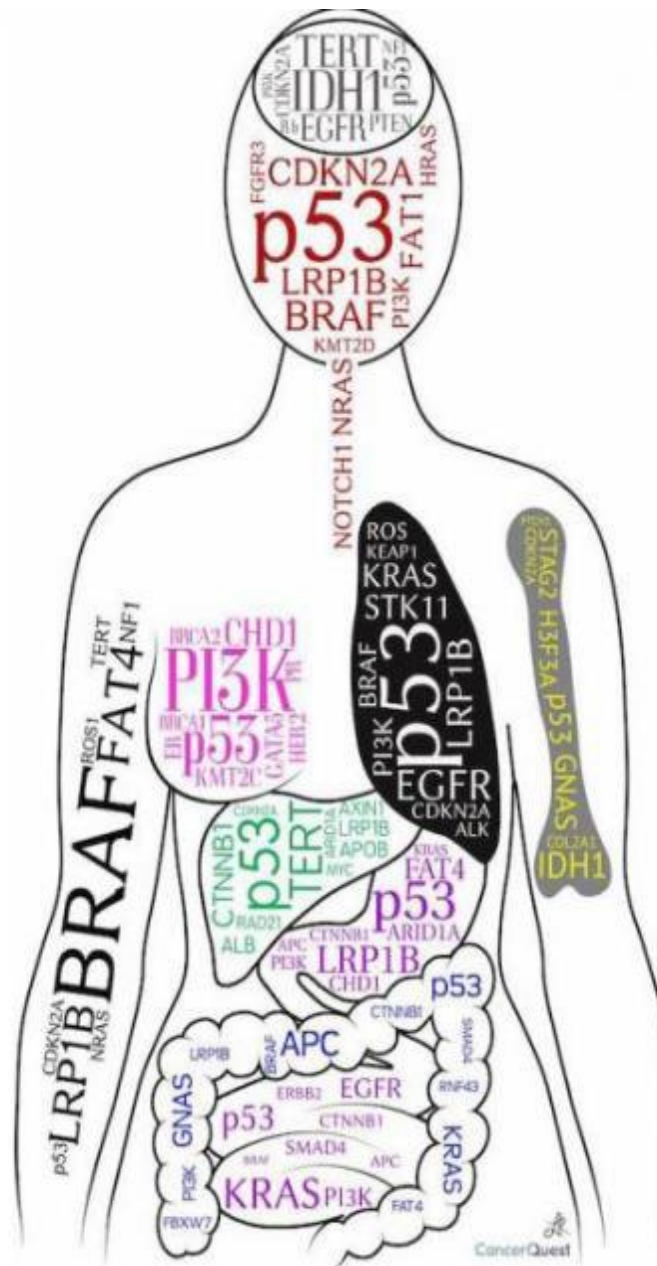


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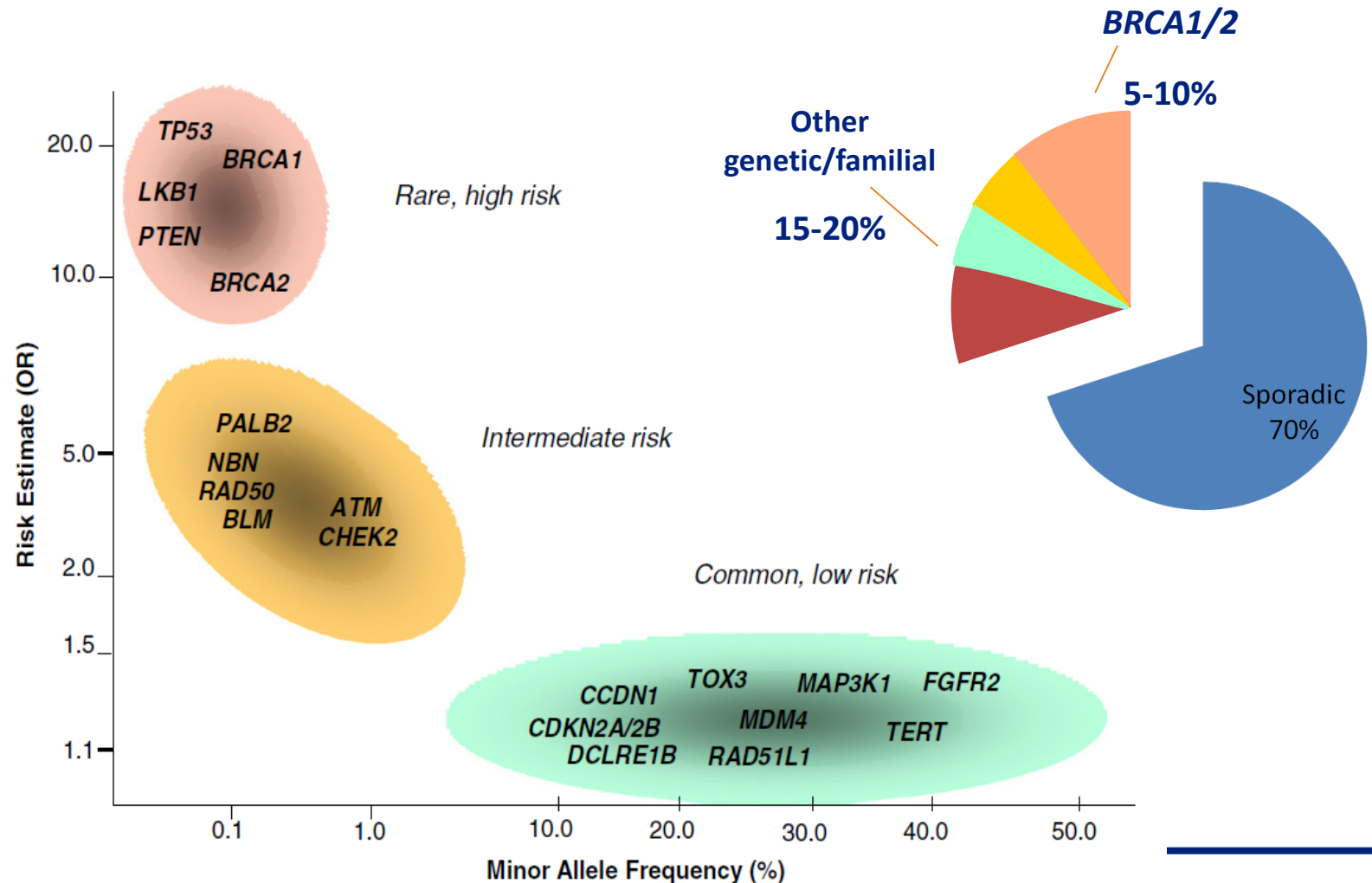
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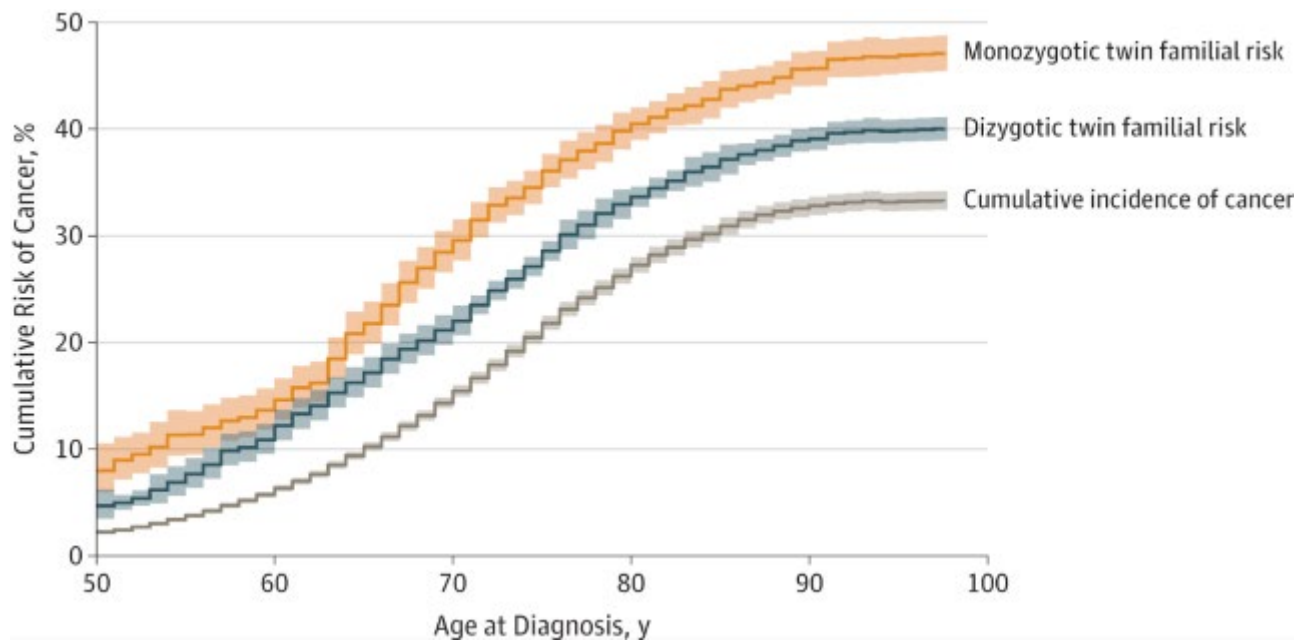
# Cancer Genes



# The Case of Breast Cancer: Penetrance vs Prevalence – the false dichotomy between GXE

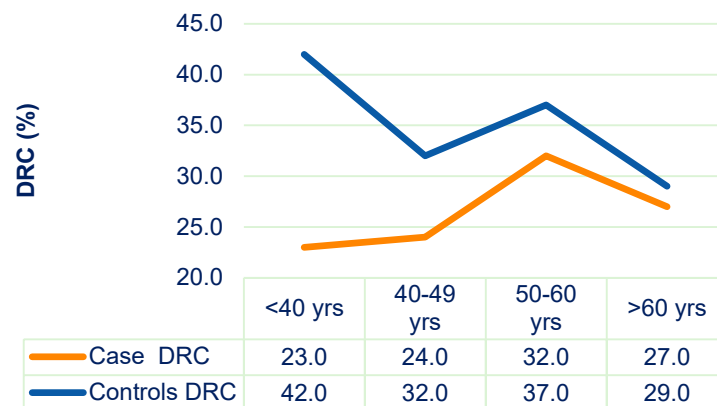


# More than just the germline genetics

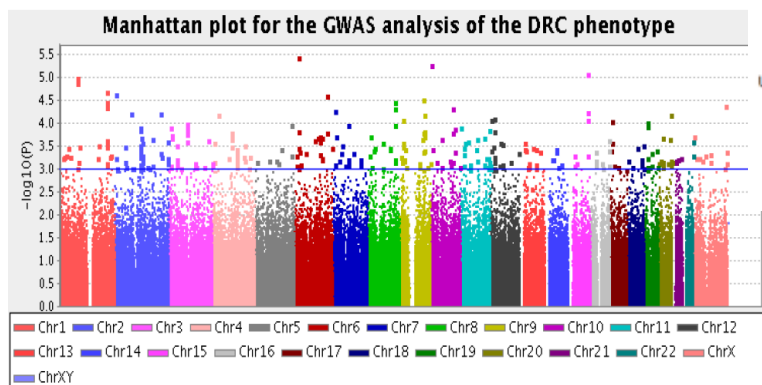


	Familial Risk, % (95% CI)	
	Monozygotic Twins	Dizygotic Twins
Overall cancer	45.9 (44.1-47.7)	37.1 (35.7-38.4)
Breast cancer	28.1 (23.9-32.8)	19.9 (17.0-23.2)

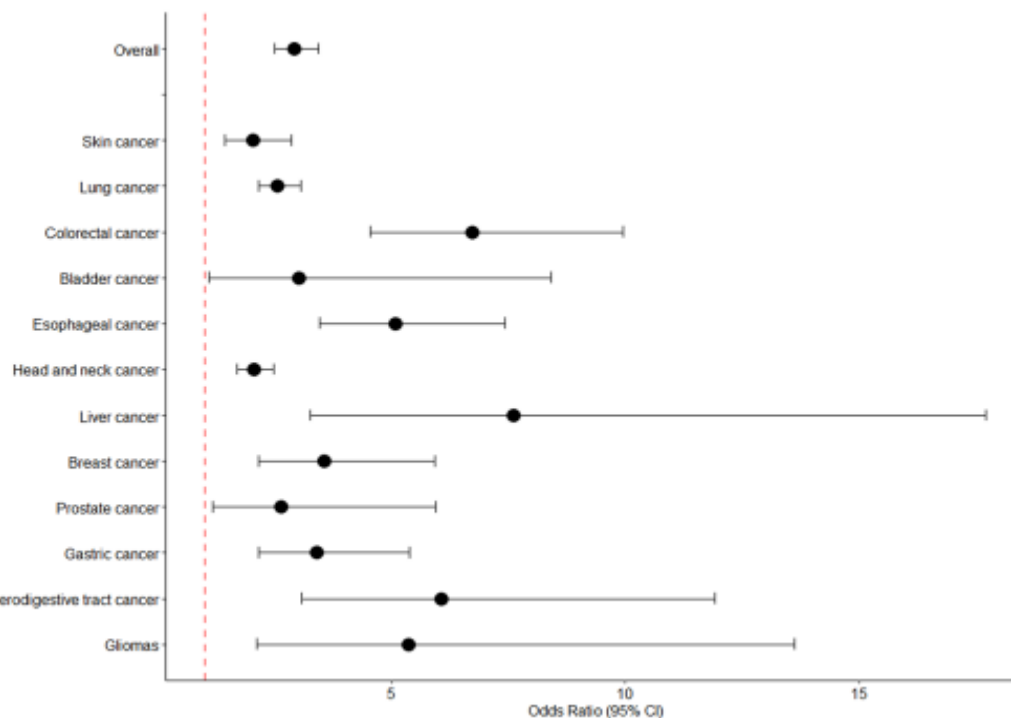
# DNA Repair Phenotype Capacity and Cancer Risk



**Genotype  $\neq$  Phenotype**



**Wang et al, Cancer Res 2013**



**DNA repair phenotype and cancer risk: a systematic review and meta-analysis of 55 case-control studies**

**Wu HC et al Scientific Report 2022 Mar 1;12(1):3405. PMID: 35233009**

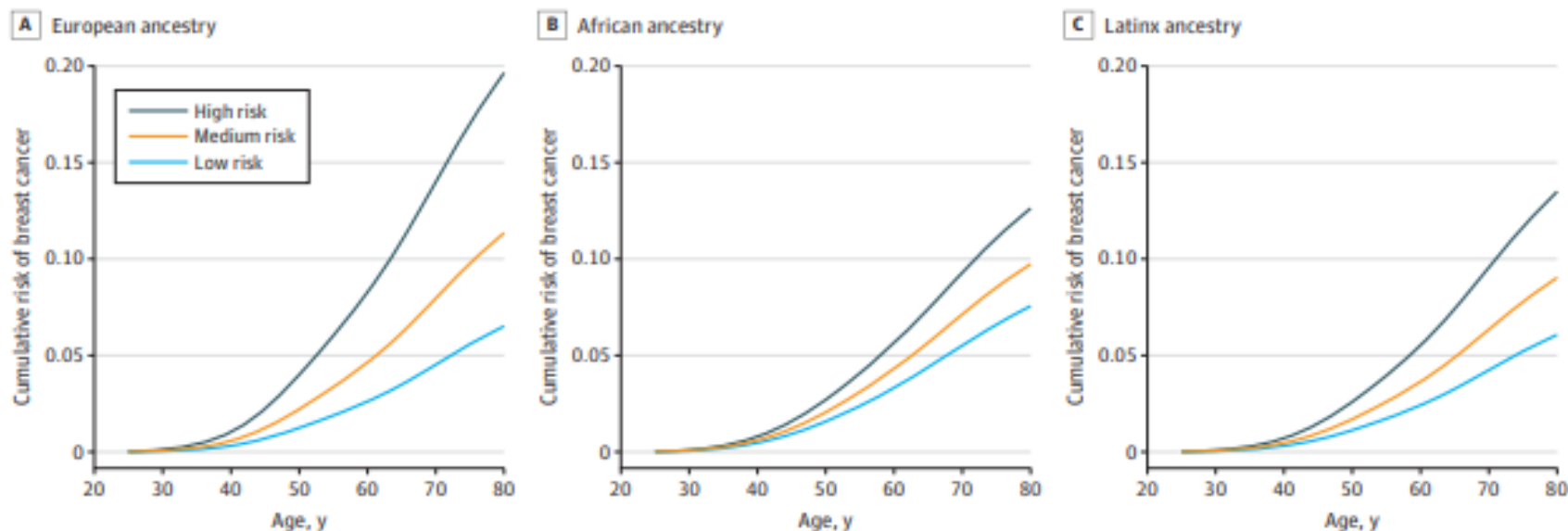
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# **Promise of Genomics and Phenotypic Assays for Cancer Risk Reduction**

- 1) Risk stratification (for primary and secondary cancers) and screening***
- 2) Etiology***

# Polygenic Risk Score for Cancer Risk Prediction

Figure 3. Cumulative Risk of Breast Cancer From Birth Estimated Using UKBB Polygenic Risk Score Model in Women With European, African, and Latinx Ancestry



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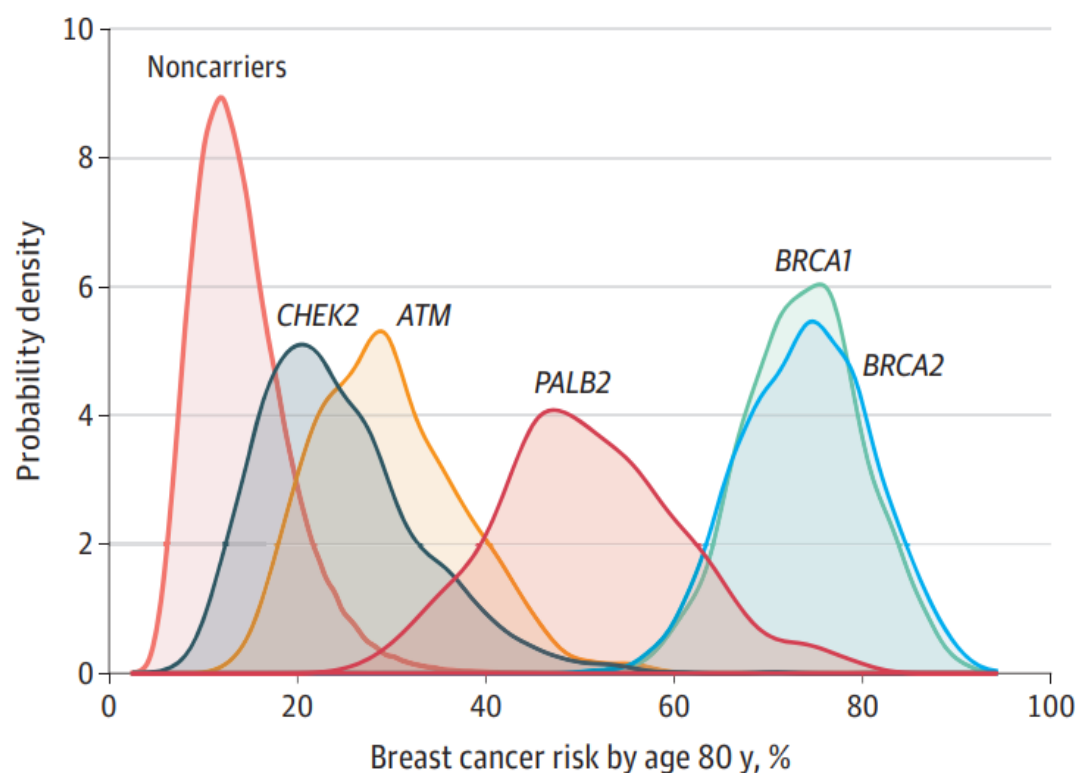
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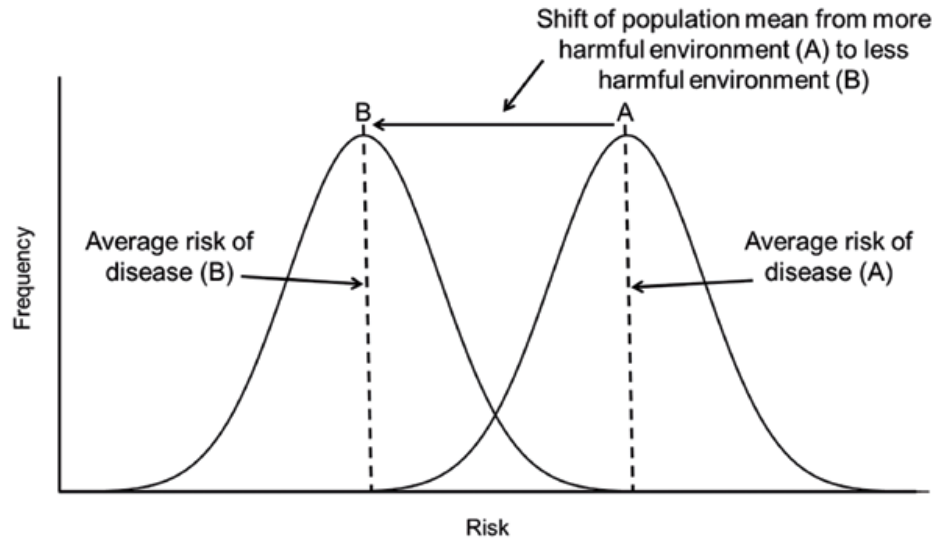
# Polygenic Risk Score for Risk Stratification

Figure. Modification of Lifetime Breast Cancer Risk for Pathogenic Variant Carriers and Noncarriers by an 86-Single-Nucleotide Variant Score



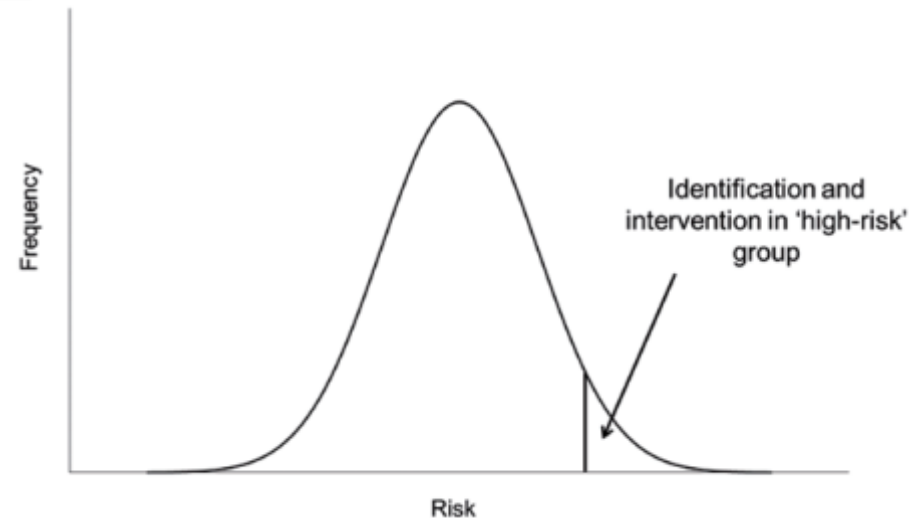


# Population-wide approaches for prevention



**Population-based**

**Vs. Non-population based approaches for discovery**

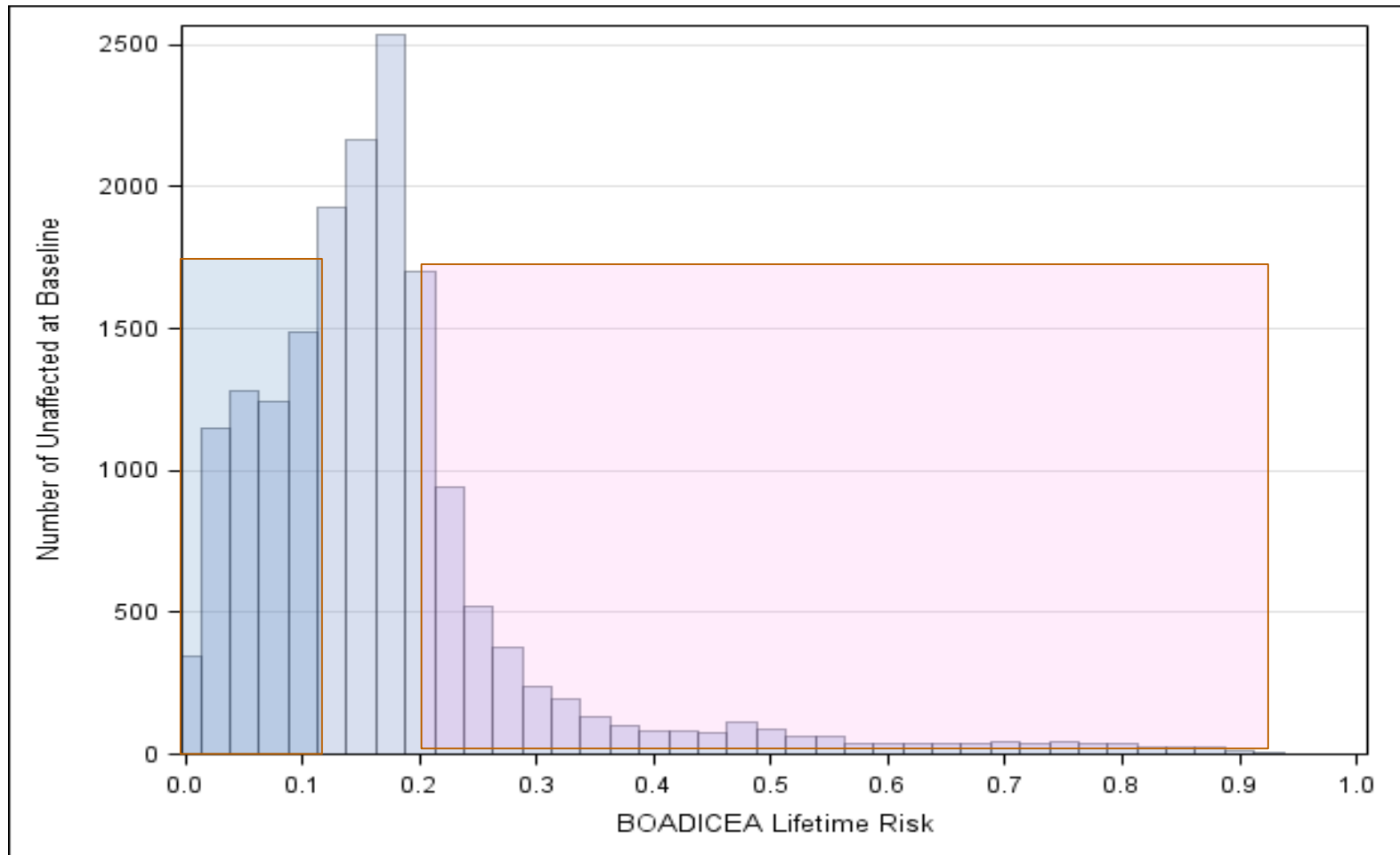


**High-risk**



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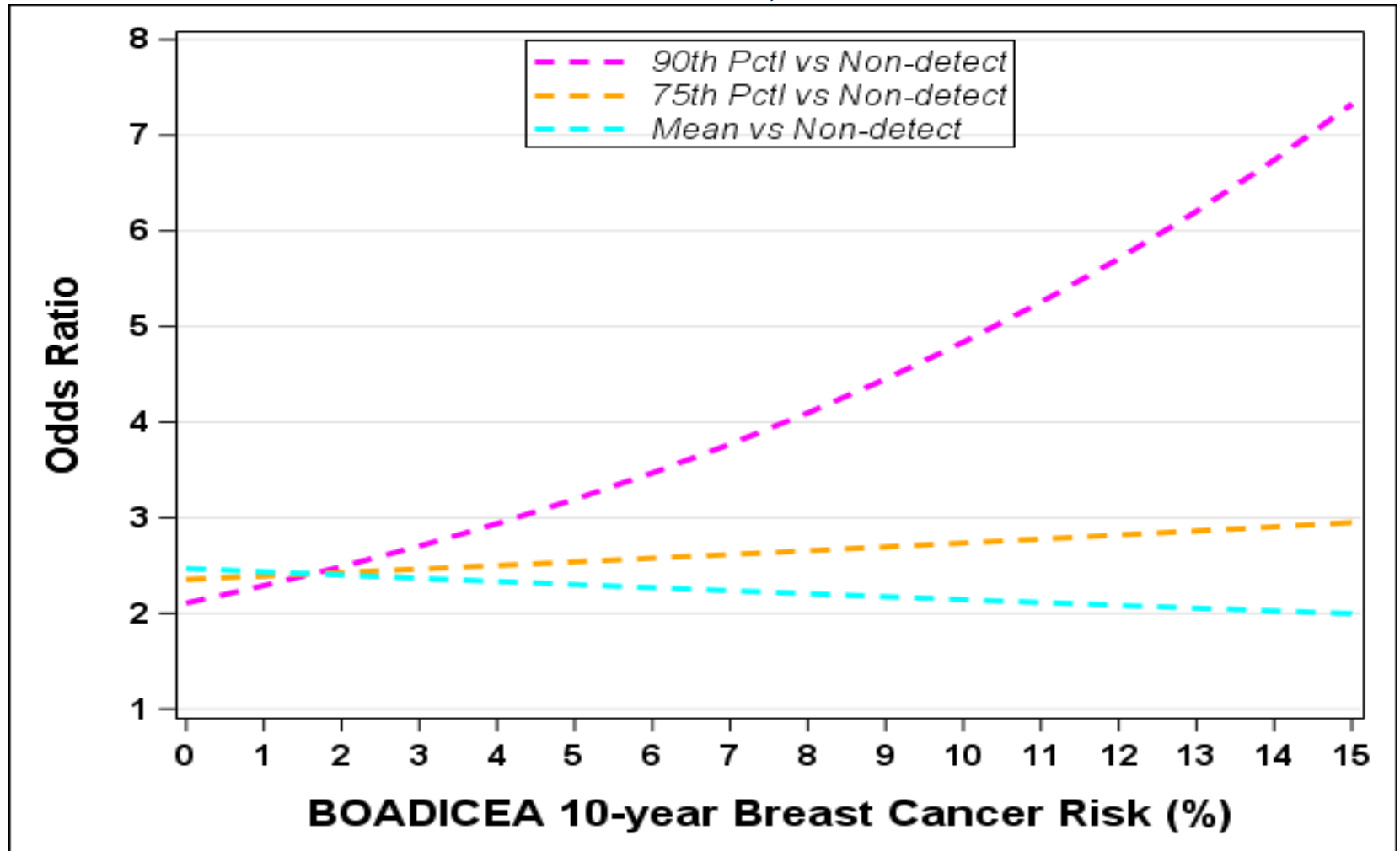
# Potential of Enriched Cohorts for Etiology



***Prospective Family Study Cohort (PROF-SC)***



# Example of GXE: Increase in breast cancer risk from PAH by absolute risk of breast cancer, New York site of BCFR



Shen J et al., British Journal of Cancer 2017

# Summary

- 1) Cancer genes are critical even for those individuals without a family history***
- 2) Cancer genes essential for risk stratification***
- 3) Characterizing risk based on underlying susceptibility can also be very helpful for identifying cancer risk factors for common exposures***

***AND as cancer genes can be altered across life***

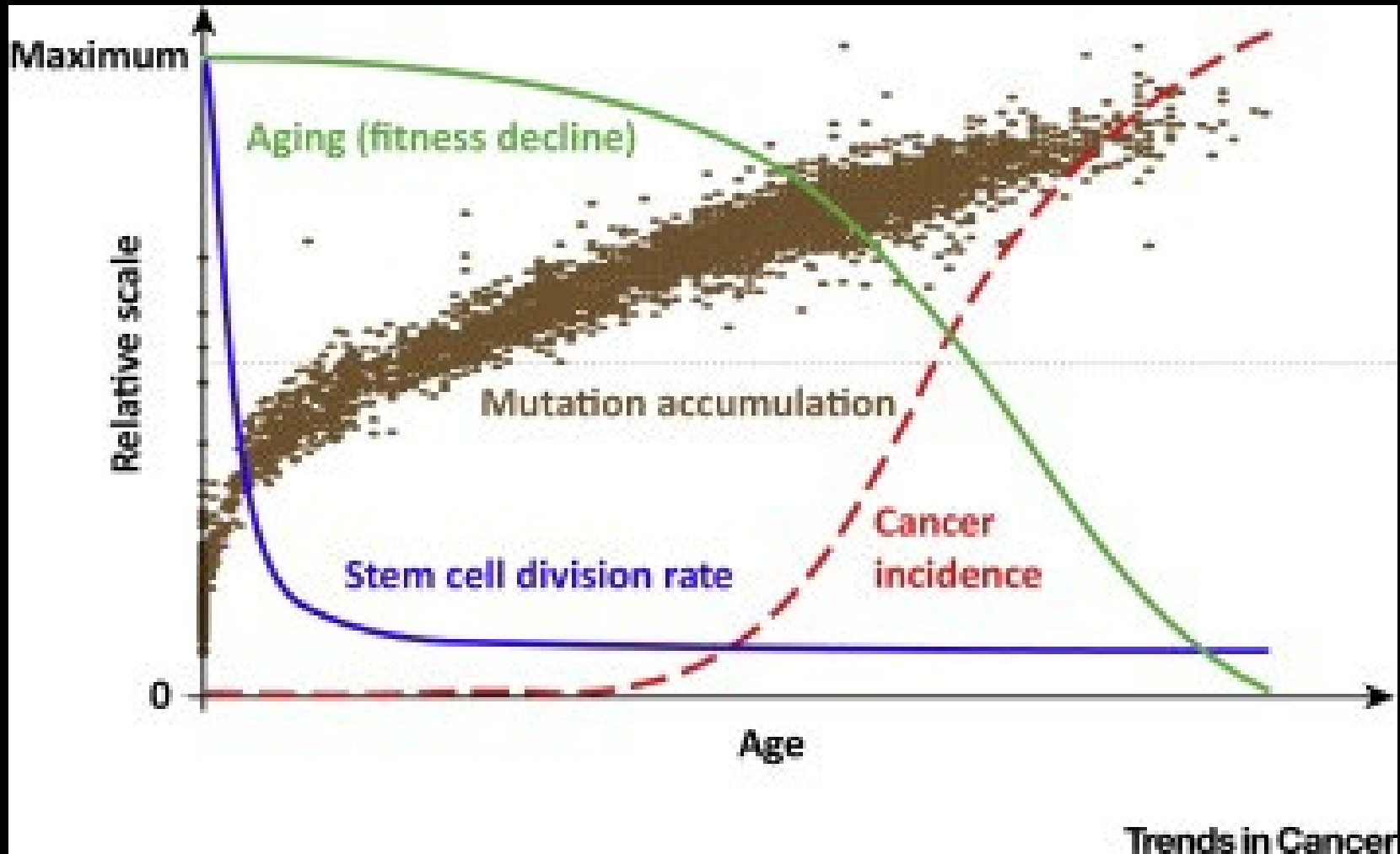
***CANCER RISK REDUCTION NEEDS TO BEGIN EARLIER***

***Roughly half of all mutations and epigenetic changes occur before full body maturation***

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Figure 1



*The Evolution of Lifespan and Age-Dependent Cancer Risk* Andrii I. Rozhok,  
James DeGregori *Trends in Cancer* Volume 2, Issue 10, Pages 552-560 (October 2016) DOI:  
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