



Clonal hematopoiesis of Indeterminate Potential (CHIP) increases mortality risk in Coronary Artery Disease

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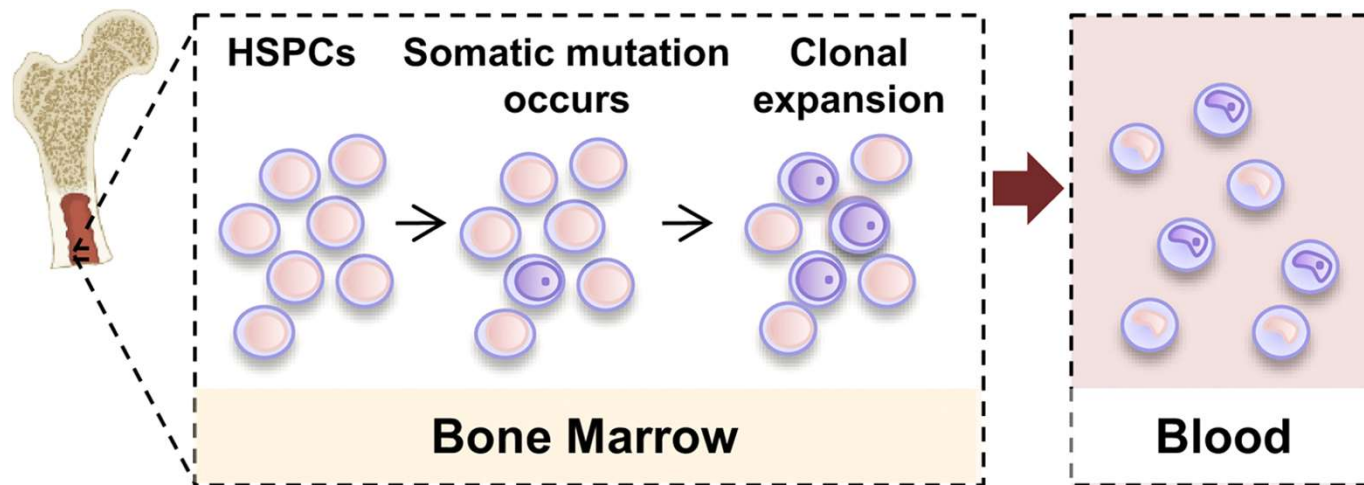
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RELEVANCE OF CHIP

Definition



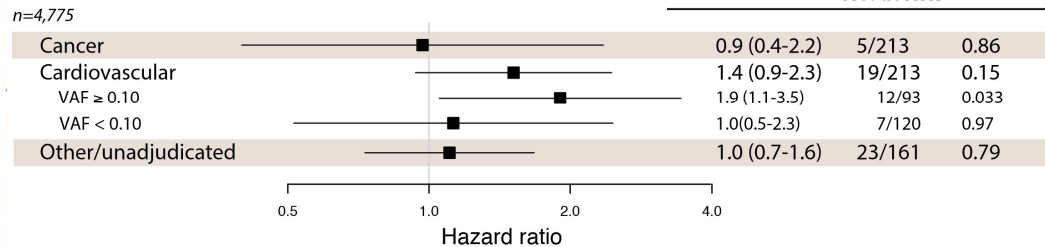
Presence of acquired mutation, VAF $\geq 2\%$, no hematological neoplasms

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

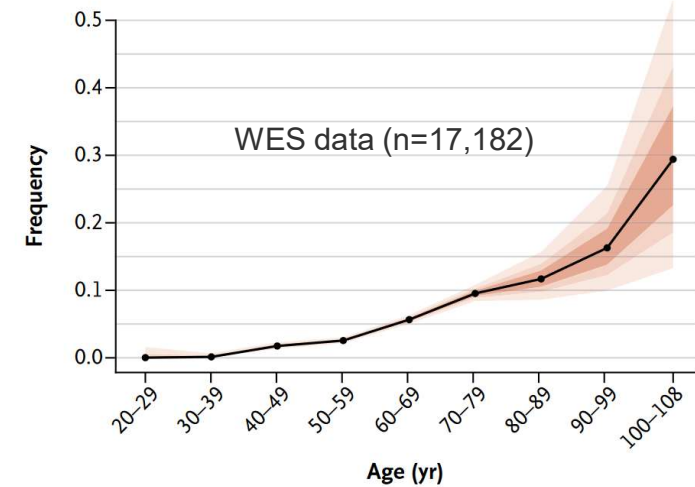
Age-Related Clonal Hematopoiesis Associated with Adverse Outcomes

Cause specific mortality



CONCLUSIONS

Age-related clonal hematopoiesis is a common condition that is associated with increases in the risk of hematologic cancer and in all-cause mortality, with the latter possibly due to an increased risk of cardiovascular disease. (Funded by the National Institutes of Health and others.)



No. with Mutation	0	1	50	138	282	219	37	14	5
Total	240	855	2894	5441	5002	2300	317	86	17

Figure 1. Prevalence of Somatic Mutations, According to Age.

Colored bands, in increasingly lighter shades, represent the 50th, 75th, and 95th percentiles.

Clinical relevance – CHIP

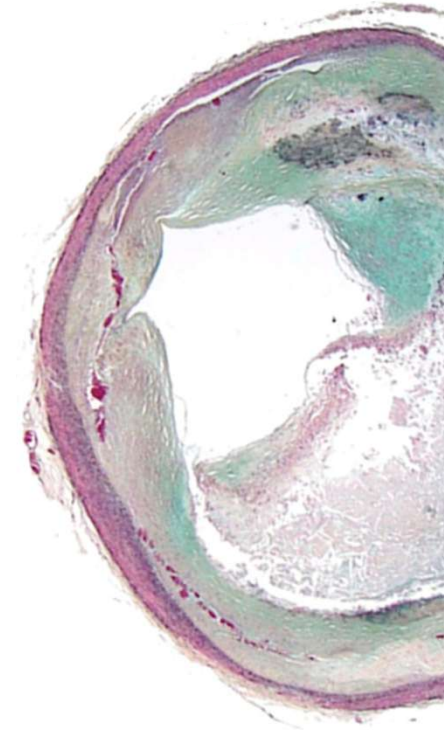
Risks associated with developing **incident coronary heart disease** using traditional CV risk factors and mutations (Jackson Heart Study and Fusion)

RF (n=2,286)	HR (95%CI)	P-value
CHIP (VAF \geq 0.1)	4.4 (1.9-10.5)	<0.001
T2D	3.5 (2.2-5.5)	<0.001
TC > 240mg/dl	2.0 (1.3-3.1)	<0.001
Smoking (ever)	1.6 (1.1-2.5)	0.02
Hypertension	1.4 (0.9-2.3)	0.15
BMI > 25	1.3 (0.6-2.8)	0.42

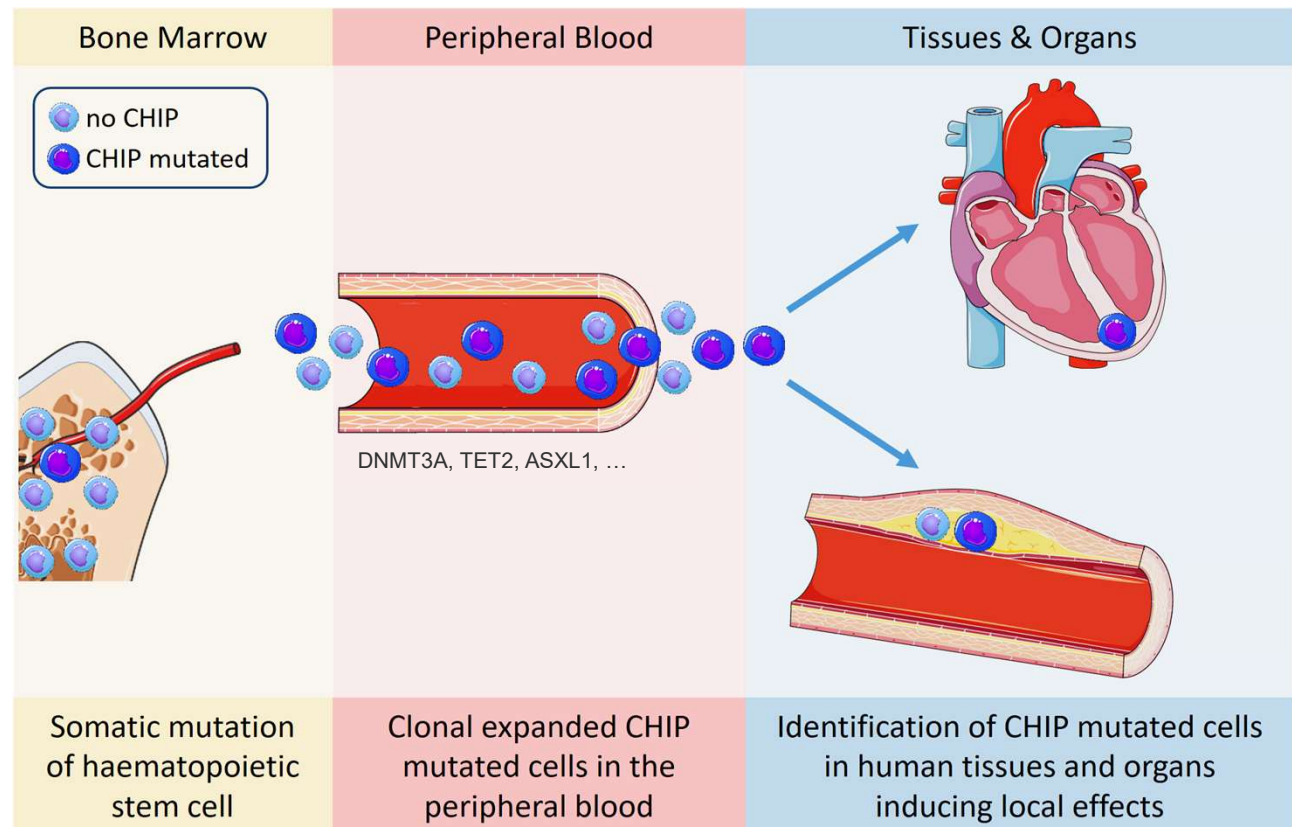
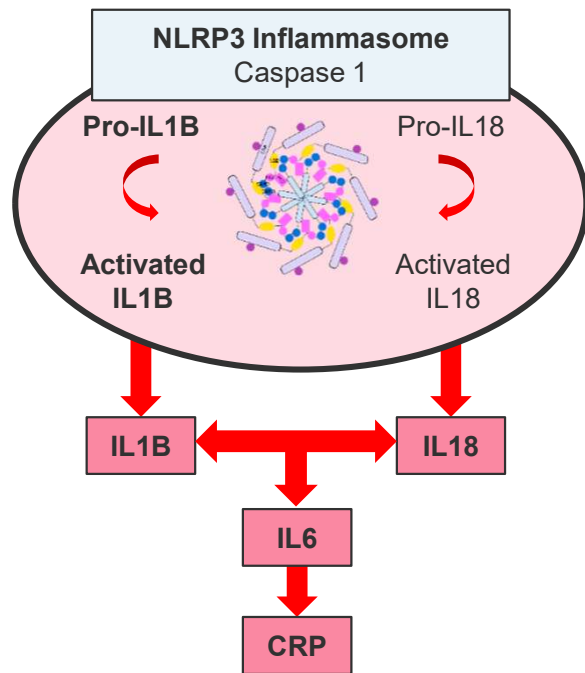
HYPOTHESIS

Hypothesis

- **CAD CHIP** mutation carriers are **at increased mortality risk**
- **increased risk** of cardiovascular events (MI, stroke, death) is **based on a more complex atherosclerotic phenotype**
- **underlying mechanisms** (i.e. inflammatory signatures) might be identified studying **CHIP affected macrophages**

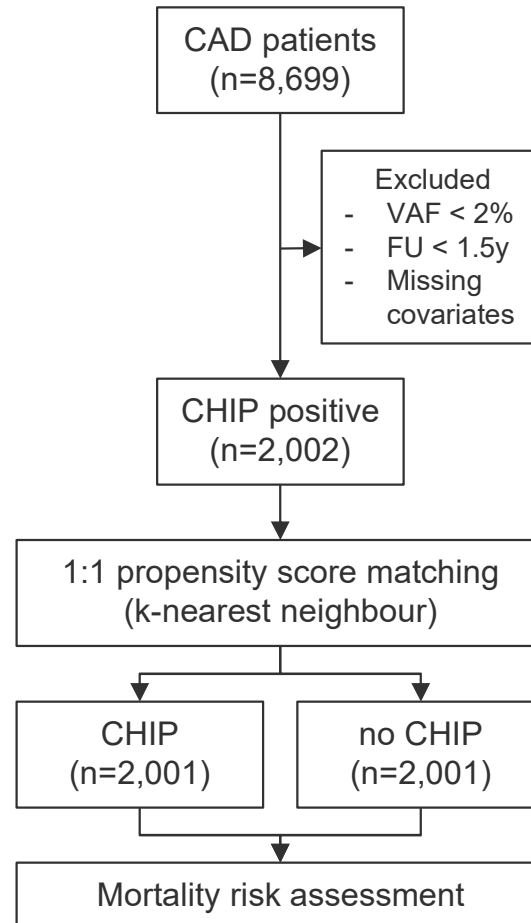


CHIP in atherosclerotic plaques



HUMAN CLINICAL DATA

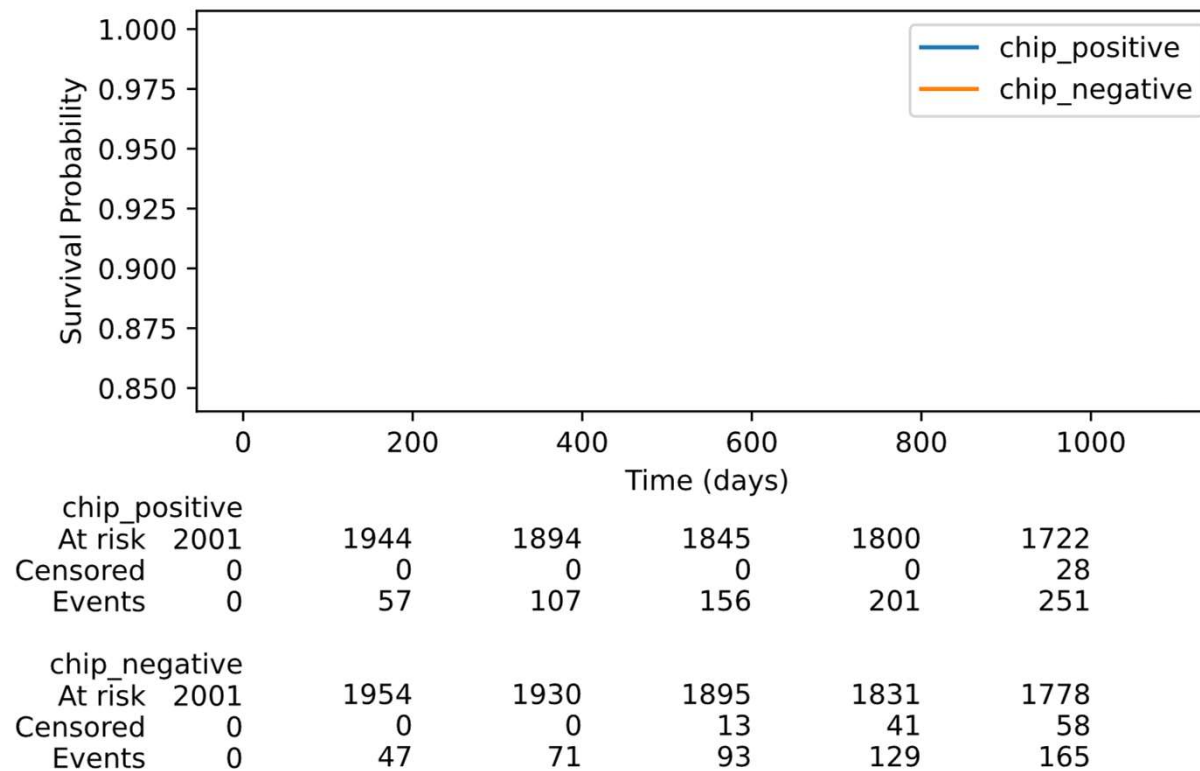
CHIP CAD cohort – Study workflow



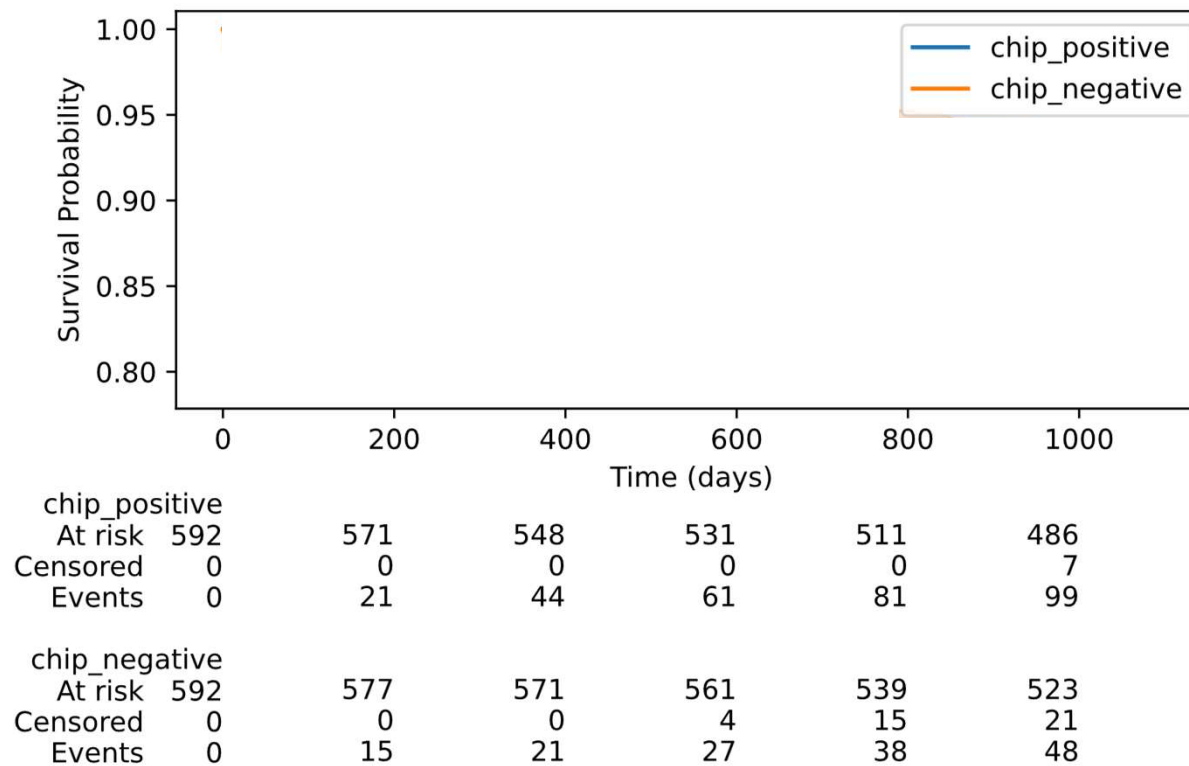
CHIP CAD cohort – baseline characteristics

	Unmatched cohort			
	CHIP (n=2002)	no CHIP (n=5931)	Standardized difference	CI of SD
Age	74.1 ± 9.2	69.0 ± 10.9	0.511	[0.460, 0.566]
Sex (f)	494 (24.7%)	1364 (23.0%)	0.032	[-0.019, 0.083]
BMI	27.4 ± 4.3	27.6 ± 4.7	-0.064	[-0.115, -0.013]
Height	1.72 ± 0.1	1.73 ± 0.1	-0.122	[-0.173, -0.071]
Weight	81.4 ± 15.3	83.2 ± 16.2	-0.119	[-0.169, -0.068]
Hypertension	1829 (91.4%)	5233 (88.2%)	0.086	[0.036, 0.137]
Nicotine ever	769 (38.4%)	2510 (42.3%)	-0.065	[-0.116, -0.015]
Diabetes	585 (29.2%)	1551 (26.2%)	0.056	[0.005, 0.106]
Insulin	160 (8.0%)	465 (7.8%)	0.005	[-0.046, 0.055]
Family history	541 (27.0%)	1857 (31.3%)	-0.078	[-0.128, -0.027]
LV function	1271 (63.5%)	3804 (64.1%)	0.003	[-0.047, 0.054]
	658 (32.9%)	1938 (32.7%)		
	73 (3.7%)	189 (3.2%)		
Prior MI	537 (26.8%)	1814 (30.6%)	-0.068	[-0.119, -0.018]

CHIP in CAD – Mortality (VAF>2%)



CHIP in CAD – Mortality (VAF>10%)



CHIP in CAD – Individual CHIP Genes

VAF $\geq 2\%$

Affected gene	# of CHIP mutations	HR (death)
DNMT3A	994	1.35
TET2	597	1.36
ASXL1	243	1.74
PPM1D	156	1.95
TP53	107	1.66
SF3B1	87	1.82
SRSF2	73	2.32
JAK2	64	1.76
CBL	46	1.17
ZRSR2	40	1.49
U2AF1	40	2.55
MPL	17	2.15
CALR	9	2.70

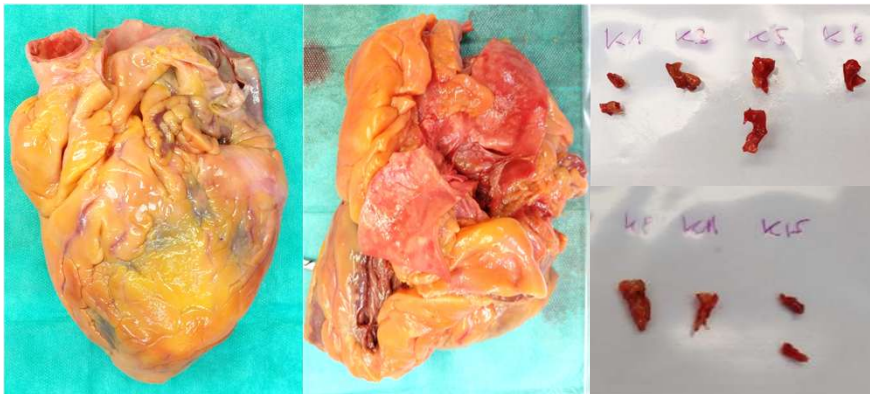
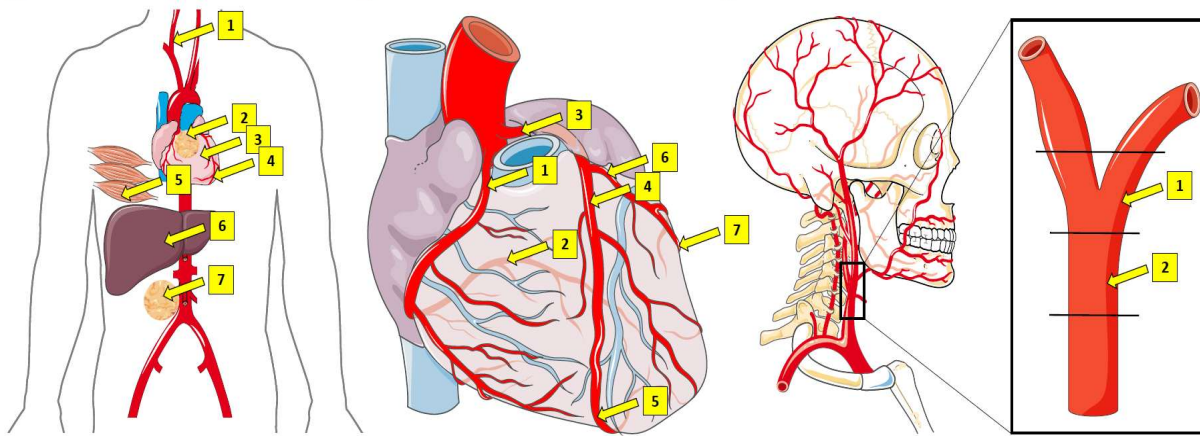
VAF $\geq 10\%$

JAK2	29	3.78
CALR	5	11.5

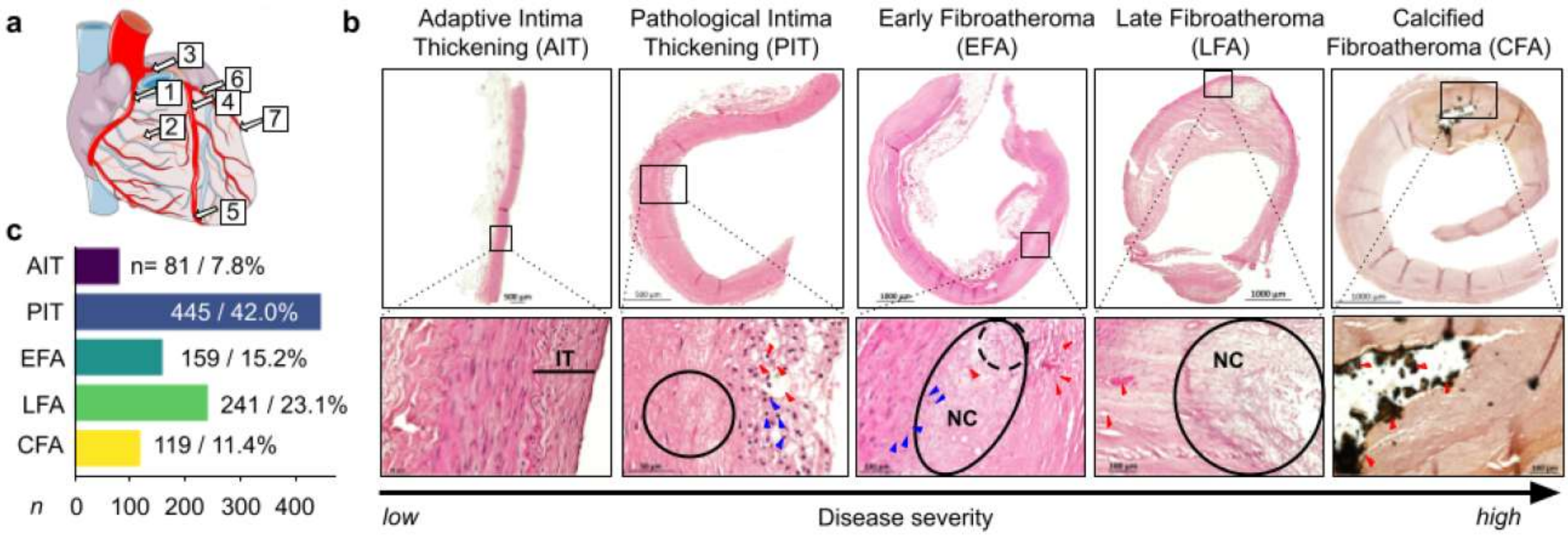
MISSION BIOBANK DATA

MISSION Biobank (n=1,517)

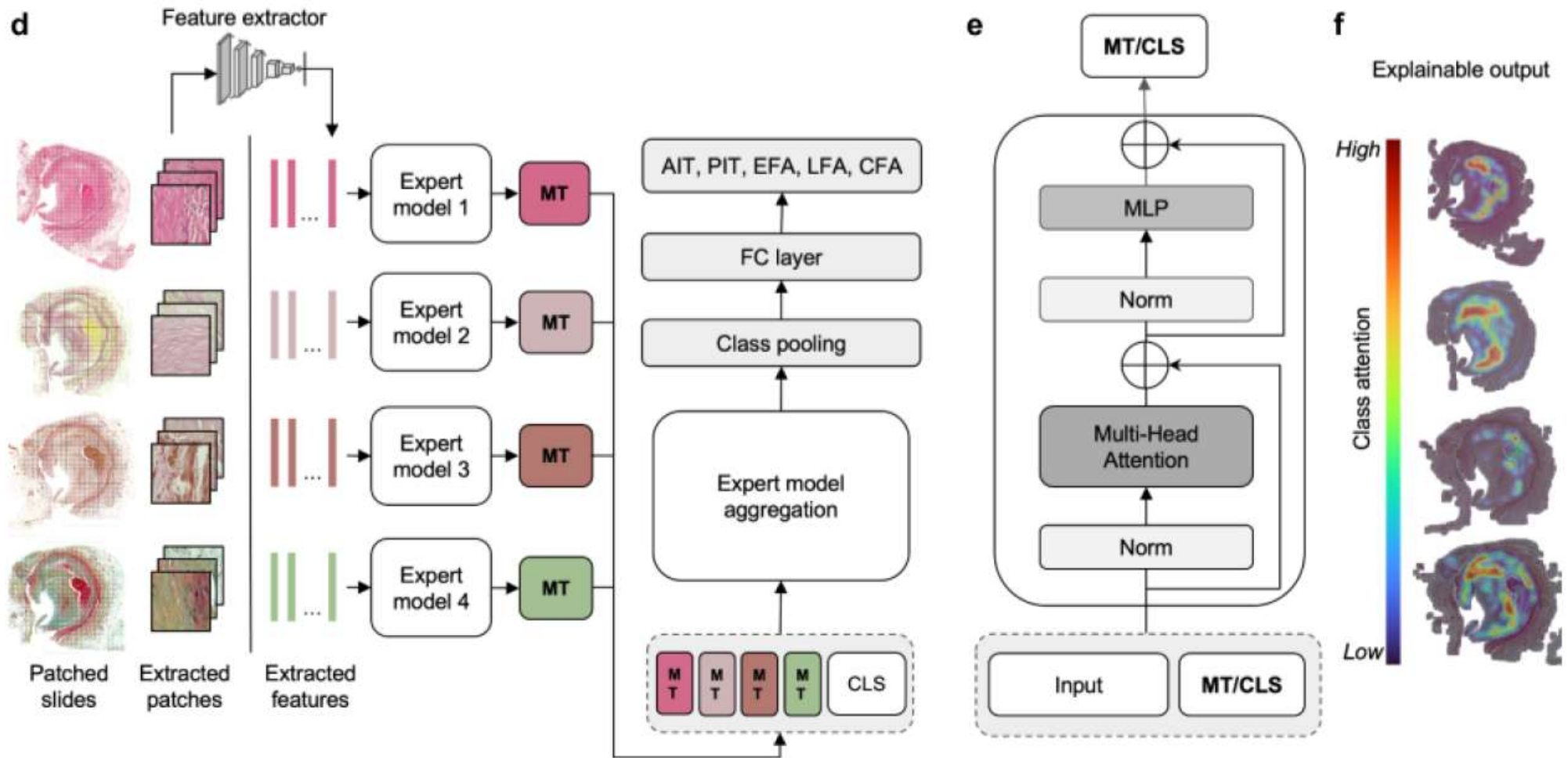
MISSION Biobank CHIP (n=359)



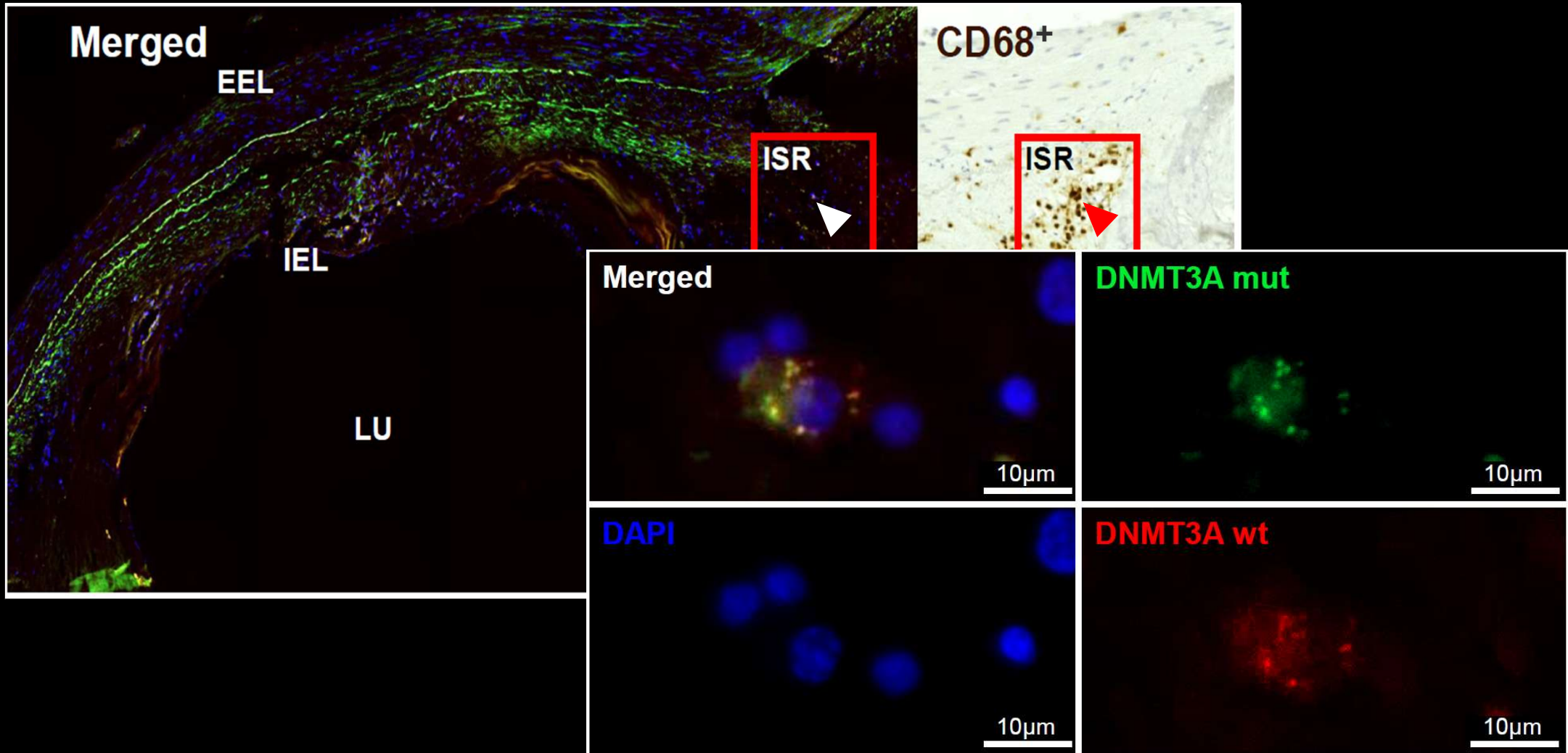
UNICORN – Multi Modal Transformer



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MutaFISH – DNMT3A, c.2333T>G (RNA based)



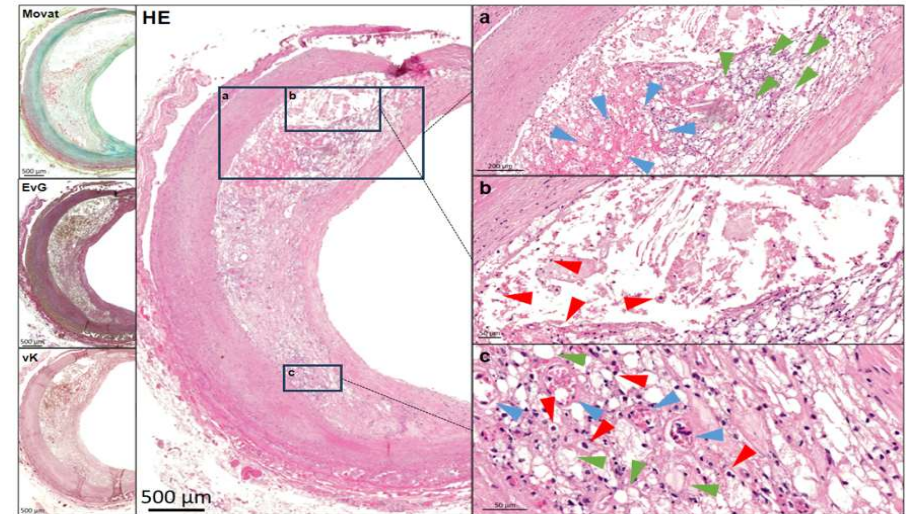
TET2 CHIP in MISSION Biobank – Cohort

	TET2 CHIP (n=26)	no CHIP (n=13)	p-value
Age	79.9 ± 6.3	79.4 ± 7.6	0.83
Sex (f)	9 (34.6%)	4 (30.8%)	0.81
BMI	26.3 ± 4.3	26.3 ± 2.9	1.00
Height	1.67 ± 0.1	1.68 ± 0.1	0.77
Weight	74.1 ± 15.4	74.1 ± 8.1	1.00
PMI	39.6 ± 15.8	42.2 ± 17.5	0.64

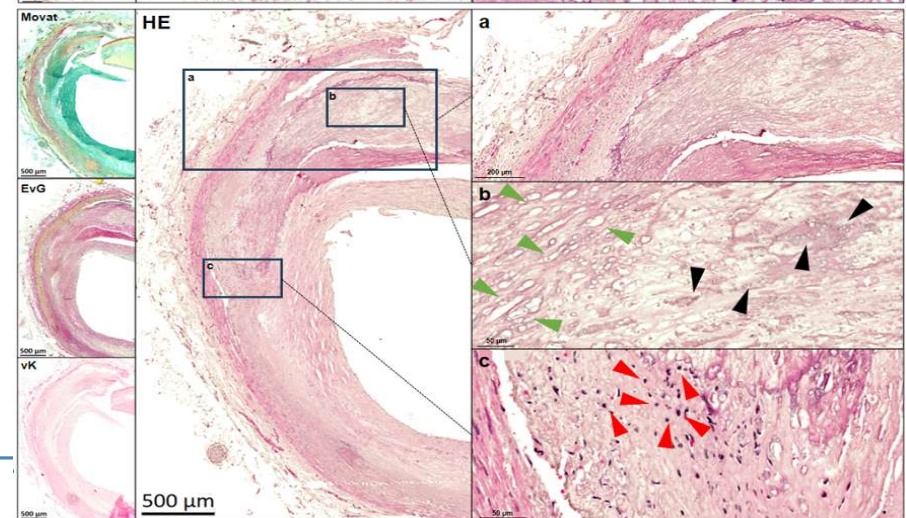


More complex CAD in TET2 CHIP based on histological assessment.

CHIP



no CHIP



Age and sex matched (n=26 TET2-CHIP vs. n=13 non-CHIP)

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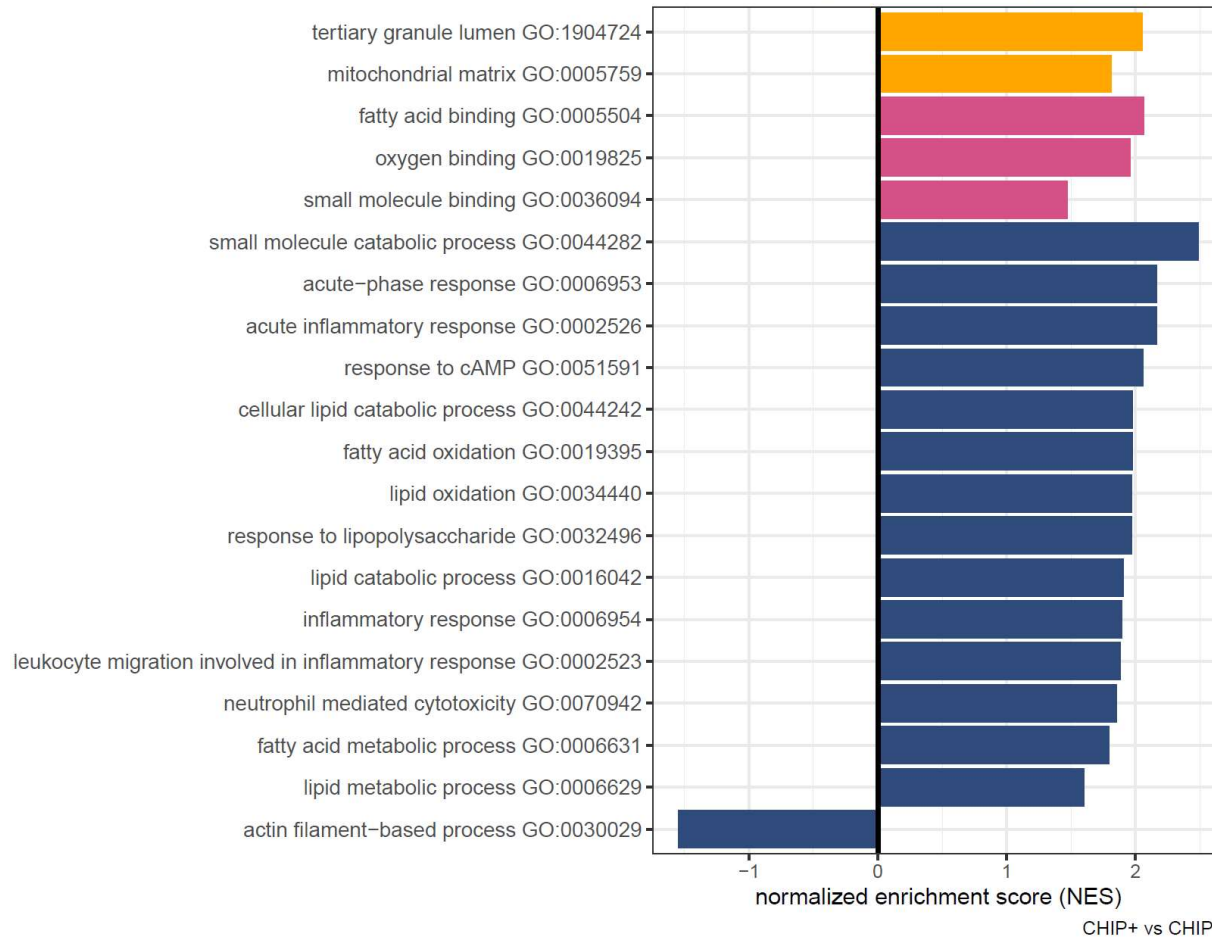
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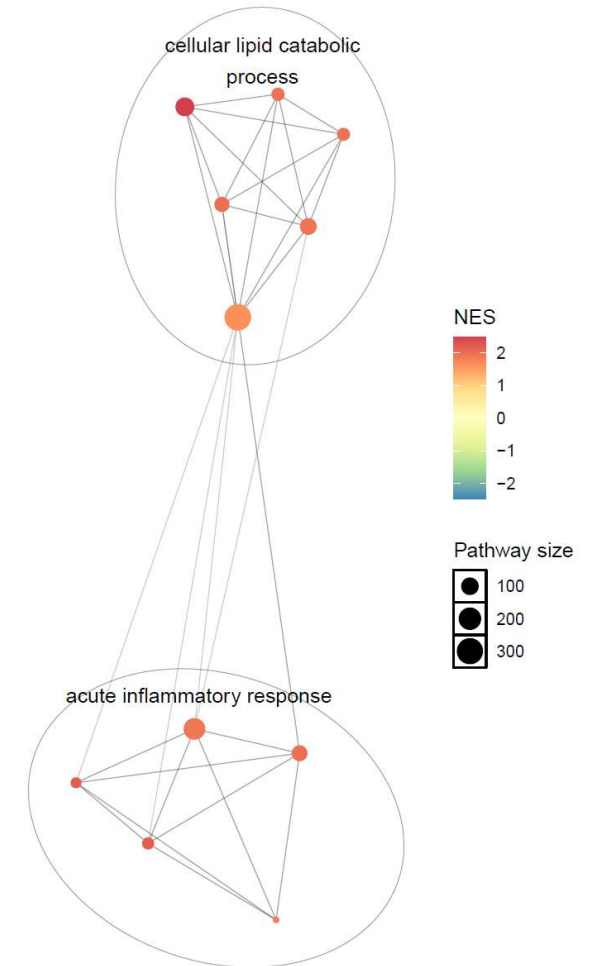
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TET2 CHIP in MISSION Biobank – Proteomics

Top enriched gene ontologies; p.adjust < 0.05



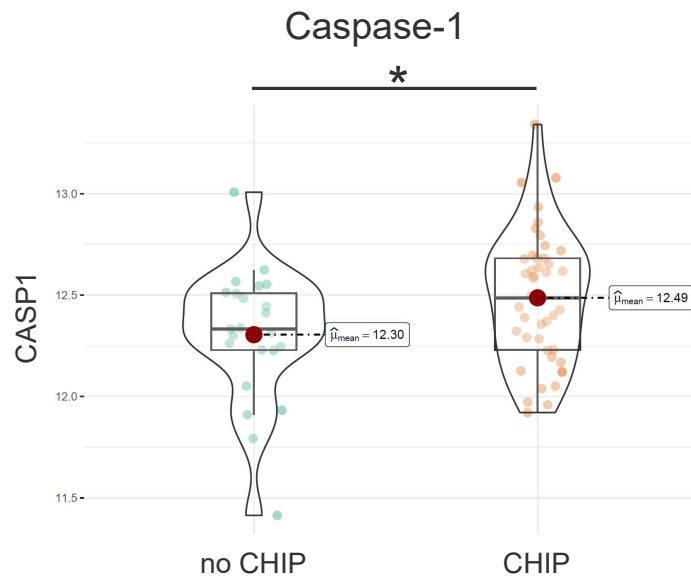
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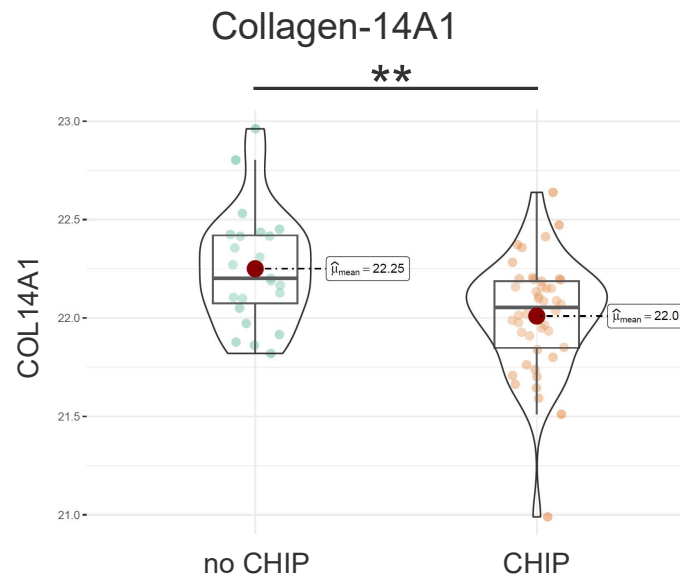
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PLAQUE STABILITY

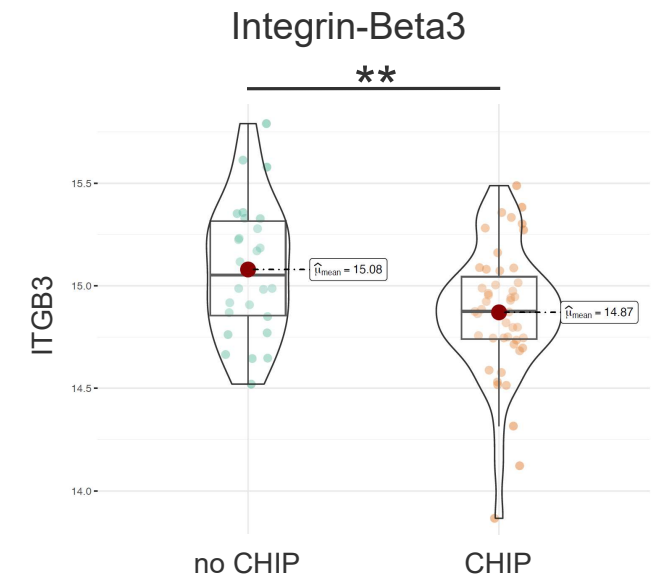
TET2 CHIP in MISSION Biobank – Proteomics



High Caspase-1 levels are associated with increased NLRP3-inflammasome activity and IL1b production.



High COL14A1 levels are associated with plaque stability.



High ITGB3 levels are associated with atheroprotection and reduced inflammation.

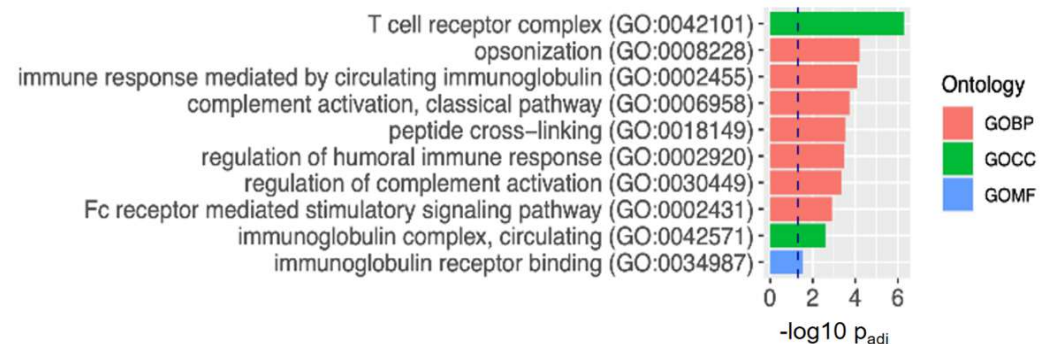
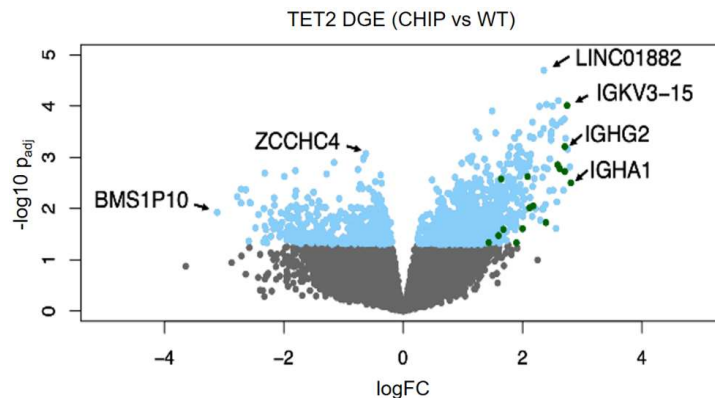
Conclusion: TET2 CHIP status is associated with atherosclerotic plaque instability.

STARNET MACROPHAGE DATA

RNAseq data – TET2 CHIP macrophages

	TET2 CHIP (n=3)	no CHIP (=21)	p-value
Age	60.3 ± 12.0	61.8 ± 8.2	0.82
Sex (m)	3 (100%)	21 (100%)	1
BMI	28.0 ± 4.9	28.6 ± 5.0	0.86
Hypertension	2	14 (n=20)	1
Dyslipidemia	2	14 (n=20)	1
Nicotine ever	2	7 (n=20)	0.54
Diabetes	0	4 (n=20)	1
Prior MI	1	7 (n=20)	1

Traits x TET2 CHIP status	p-value
Atherosclerotic lesions	1.35x10 ⁻⁴⁰
Complexity of CAD (SYNTAX score)	1.23x10 ⁻¹¹
Coronary artery Disease	2.55x10 ⁻¹⁰
BMI	<0.001
Creatinine plasma levels	0.002
Total cholesterol	0.02

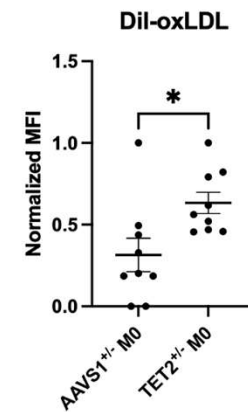
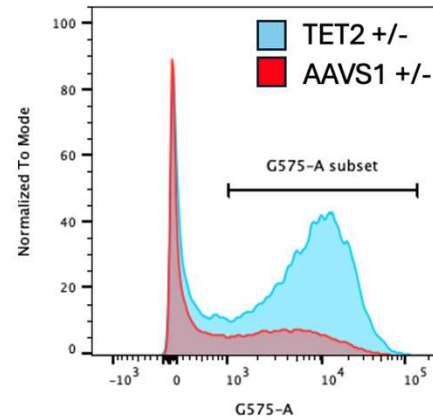
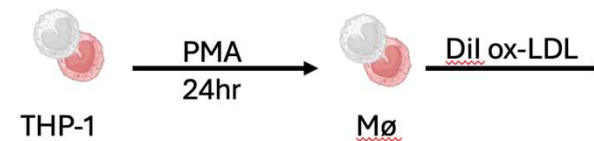
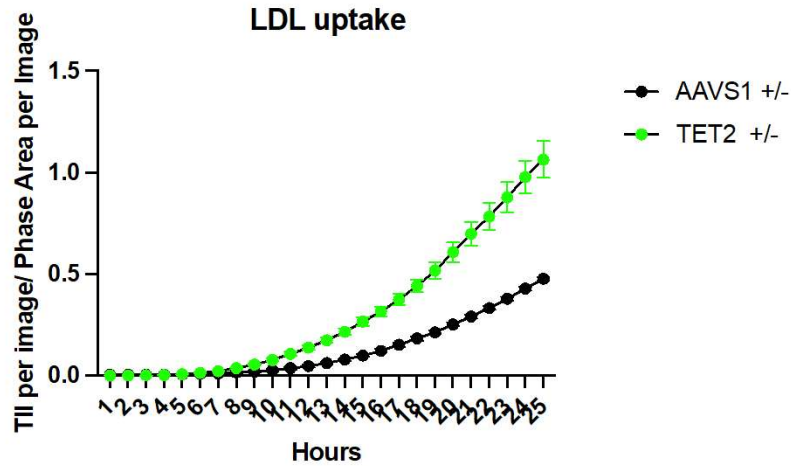
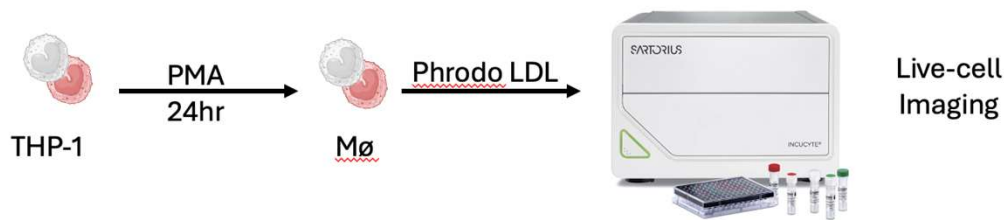


Conclusion: TET2 CHIP status in human monocyte derived macrophages is associated with atherosclerosis, CAD complexity and upregulation of inflammatory pathways.

***IN-VITRO* MACROPHAGE DATA**

In-vitro data of TET2 CHIP macrophages

Work of Dr. Shaunak Adkar (STANFORD)



Conclusion: TET2 CHIP status in human macrophages is associated with increased inflammation, and uptake of LDL- and ox-LDL-cholesterol *in-vitro*.

CONCLUSION

Summary & Conclusion

- CHIP is the strongest (modifiable) **CV risk factor** – driven by inflammation
- We established the **largest single center CHIP-CAD cohort worldwide**
- **CHIP is common, 1 out of 3 CAD patients is CHIP positive**
- **7 individual CHIP mutations were associated with mortality at VAF $\geq 2\%$** (ASXL1, DNMT3A, PPM1D, SF3B1, SRSF2, TET2 and U2AF1)
- We visualized **CHIP mutated leukocytes in human atherosclerotic plaques** (MutaFISH)
- **TET2 CHIP** status was associated with **upregulation of inflammatory and metabolic pathways** including lipid metabolism, and an aggravated **atherosclerosis** phenotype including **plaque instability** in MISSION
- **TET2 CHIP** affected **macrophages** were associated with **CAD and CAD complexity** in STARNET
- **TET2 CHIP** affected macrophages showed **increased LDL and ox-LDL-uptake *in-vitro*** (Dr. Adkar)

Clinical perspective: It appears likely that **TET2 CHIP** mutation carriers **might particularly profit from anti-inflammatory therapy as well as from aggressive lipid lowering treatment strategies.**

Prospective Studies

CADPT15A12201

Phase IIa Trial (RCT)
Started Q1/2024

IL1b and IL18 antibody
in CHIP CAD patients
with prior MI (n=32)

12 weeks

Surrogat outcome

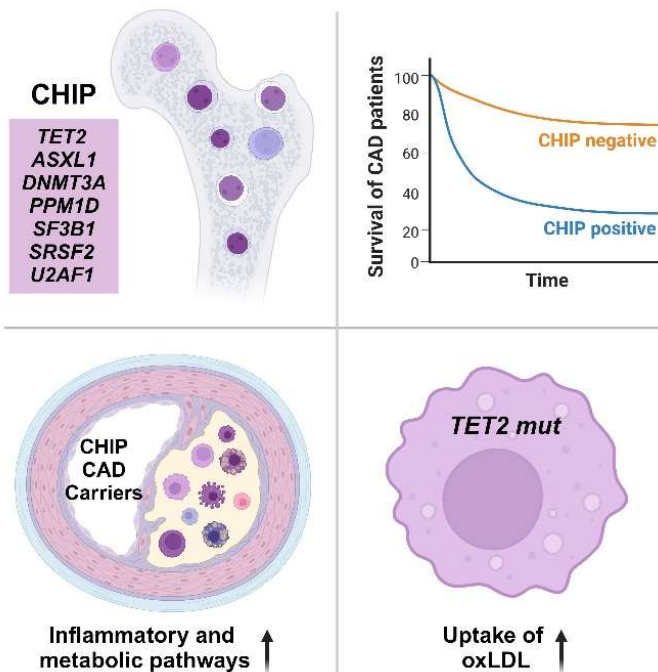
CANCHIP (PI TUM)

Phase III Trial (RCT)
Starting Q3/2025?

Canakinumab (IL1b)
in CHIP CAD patients
(n=2000)

Event driven

Clinical events



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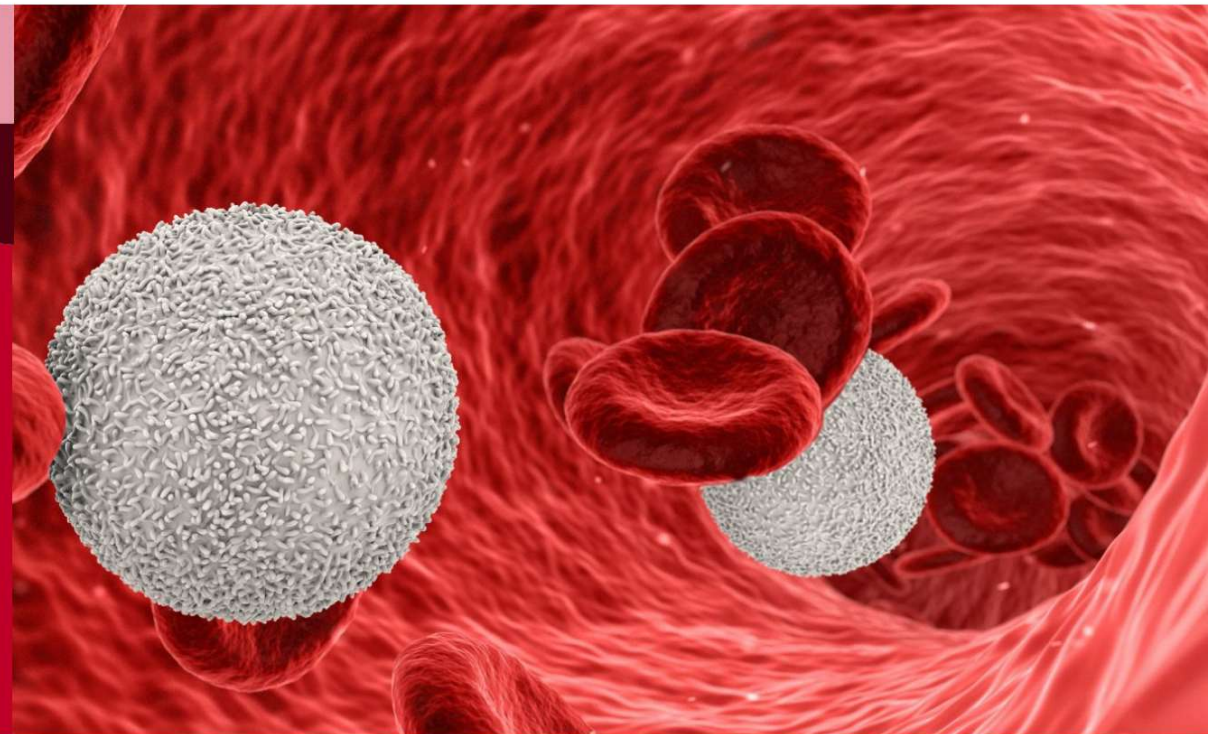
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