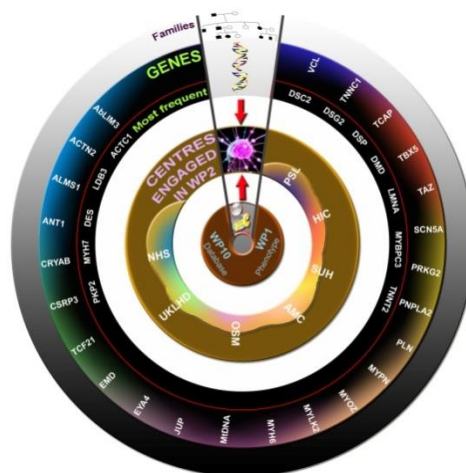


INHERITANCE LOGO



WP1 Phenotypes of DCM subtypes
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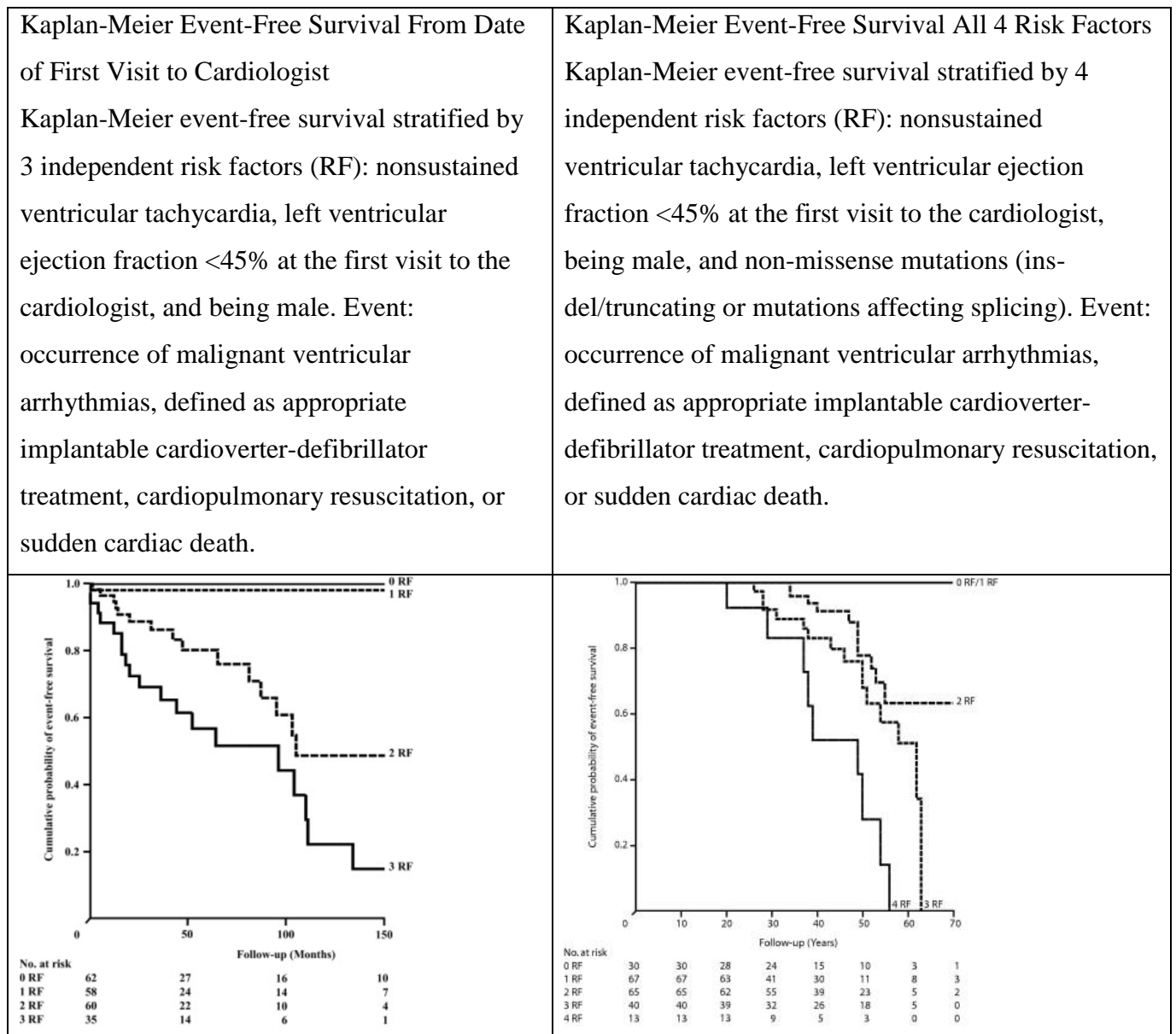


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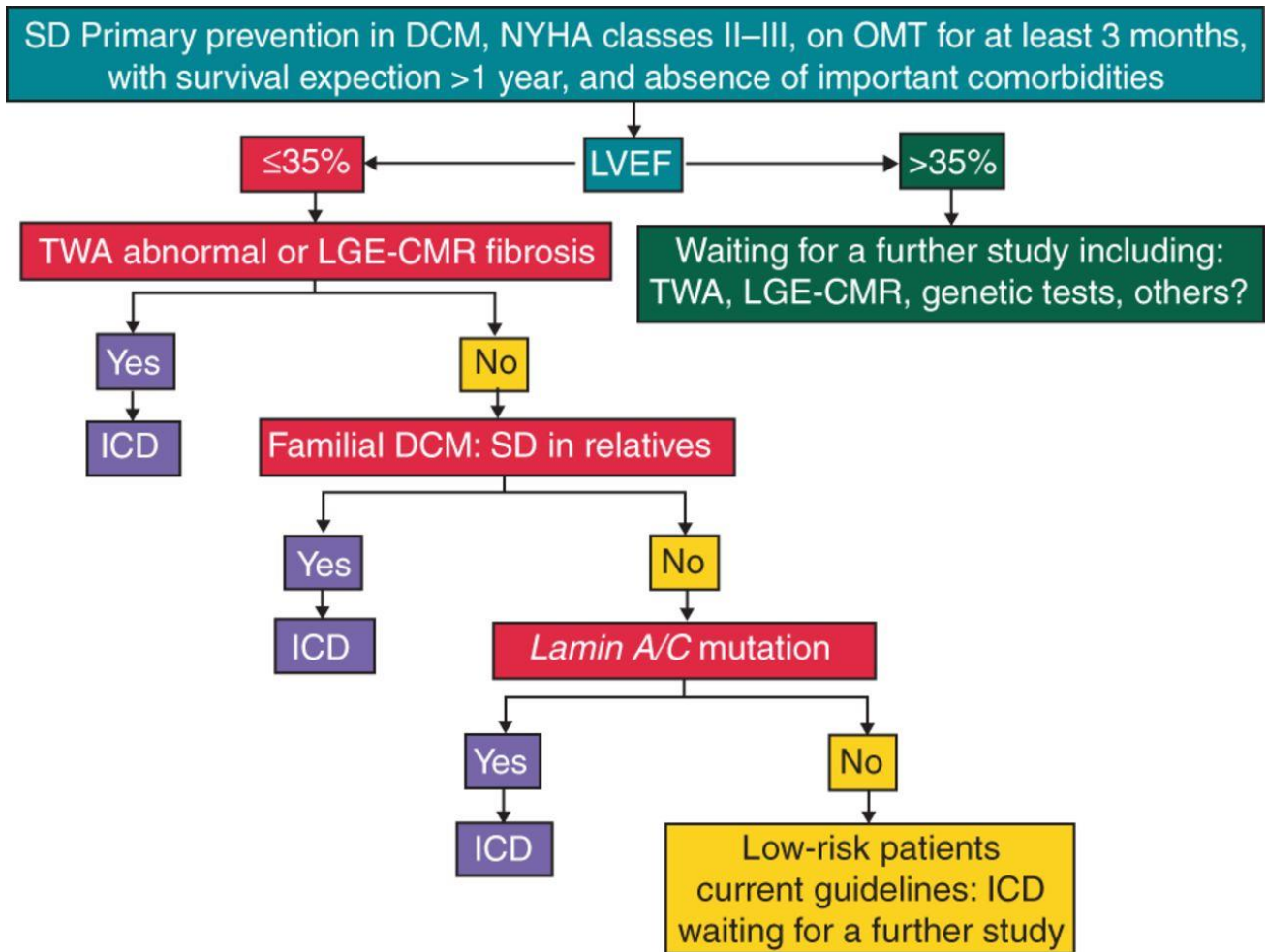


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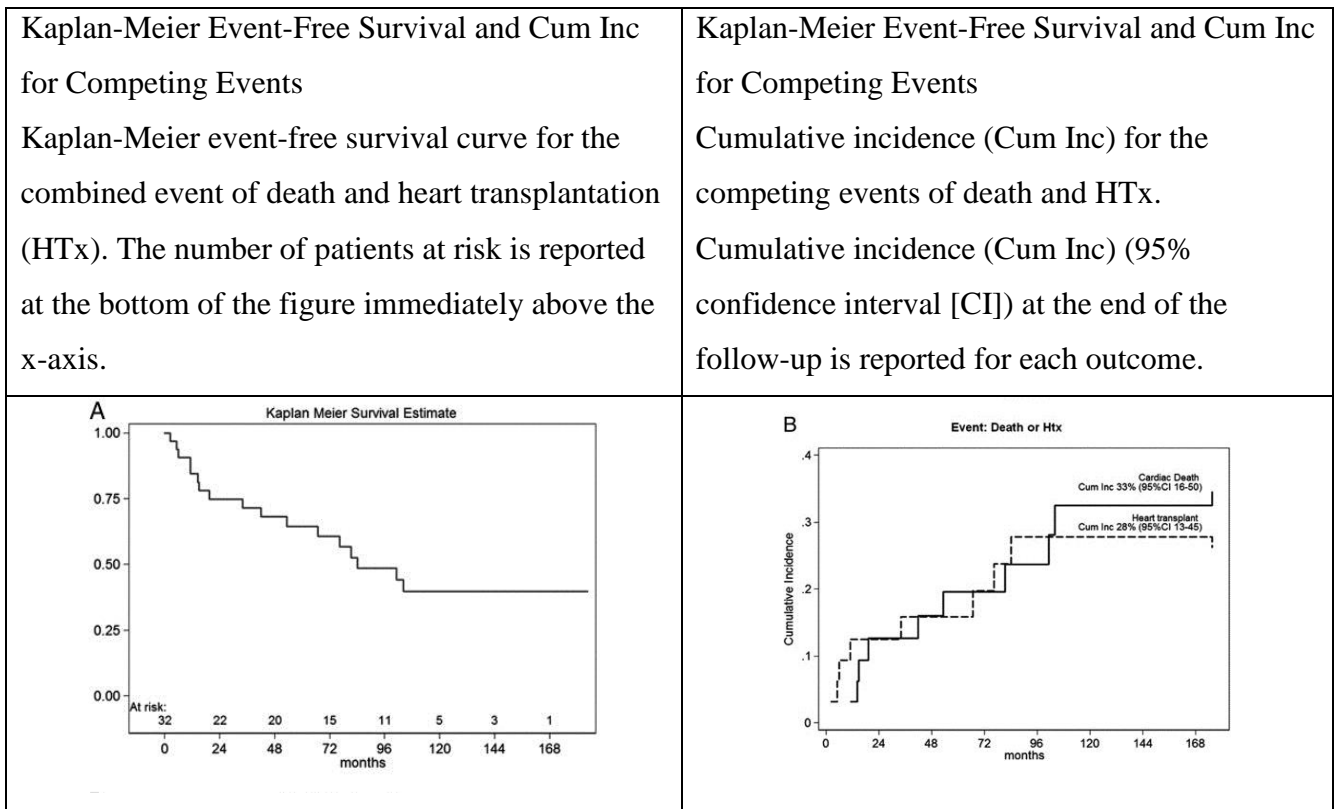


Figure 1.4

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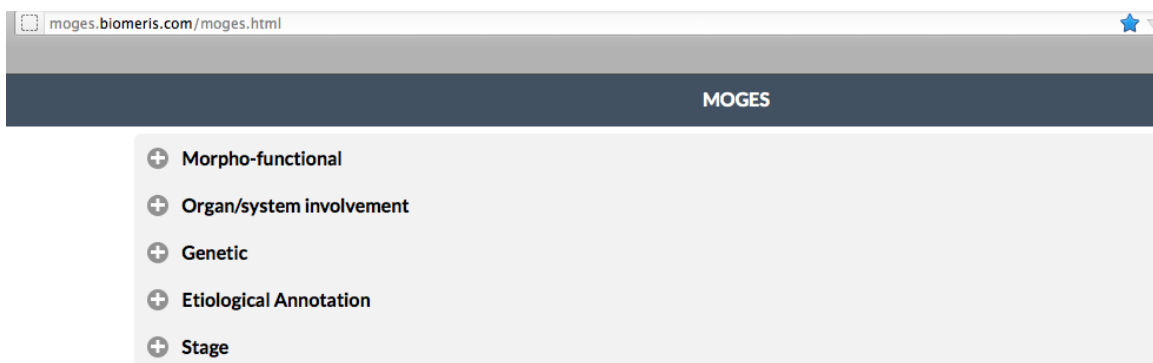
App at
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M_H O_H G_{AD} E_{G-MYH7[R663H]} S_{B-I}

Relatives:

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WP2 Genetic testing

Figure. 2.1

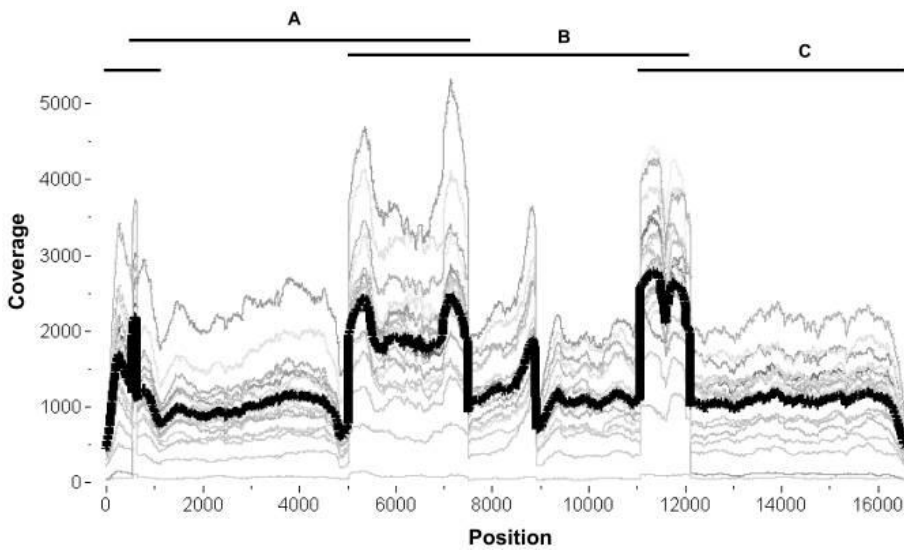


Figure. 2.1 : Variability in 454 sequence coverage. Total read coverage (redundant and non-redundant) is plotted at each mtDNA position (1 to 16569) and graphed as a continuous thin grey trace for each case (different shades for each case). The mean coverage for all 20 cases is represented by a thick dark black trace. The shape of the traces shows coverage variability both between cases and along the same mtDNA. The black horizontal lines (A, B & C) above the graph represent the three mtDNA PCR fragments used for 454 sequencing. Greater coverage was noted in the regions in which the PCR fragments overlap compared to coverage in non-overlapping regions.

Figure. 2.2

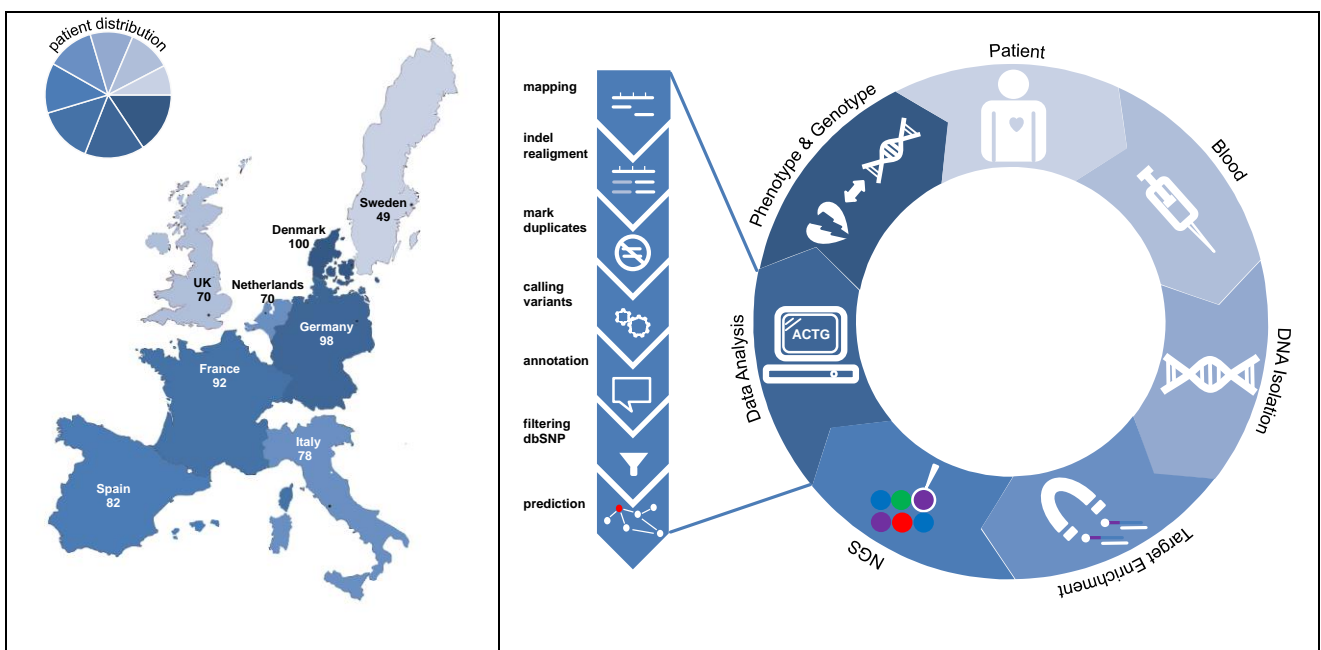


Figure. 2.2: The NGS plan in INHERITANCE.

Figure.2.3

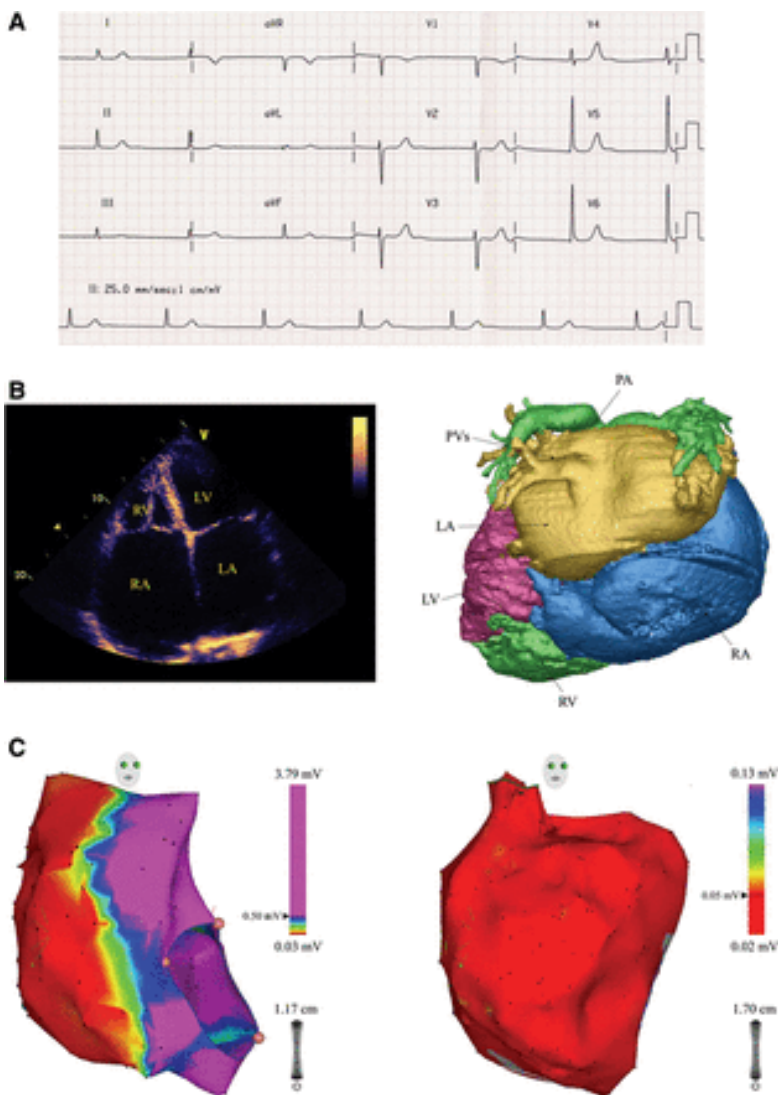


Figure 2.3: The figure shows the key phenotypic traits of the novel cardiomyopathy. (A) Surface ECG with complete atrial standstill: bradycardic (39 bpm) junctional rhythm without atrial activity and narrow QRS (patient A:V:1). (B) Giant atria are shown by ultrasound examination and by 3-dimensional cardiac tomography (3DCT) imaging. On the left, the apical 4-chamber view of the patient A:IV:5. On the right, 3DCT reconstruction of the cardiac chambers²⁴ of patient A:V:1. Colours inner surfaces of the districts are shown in right posterior view. Right atrial (RA) and left atrial (LA) volumes are 744 and 426 mL, respectively; left (LV) and right ventricular (RV) volumes are 138 mL and 252 mL, respectively (see online-only Data Supplement Video). Pulmonary arteries (PA) and pulmonary veins (PVs) are shown at the top. (C) Scars in the RA are shown by 3D voltage mapping (right anterior projection) in patients D:IV:2 (at the left) and A:V:1 (at the right) with Brady-Tachy syndrome and complete atrial standstill, respectively. In the

former, the scar is localized at lateral wall, whereas in the latter, the scar is diffused (red colour indicates voltages <0.05 mV).

WP3 Genome-wide association studies

Figure 3.1 - GWAS Paris

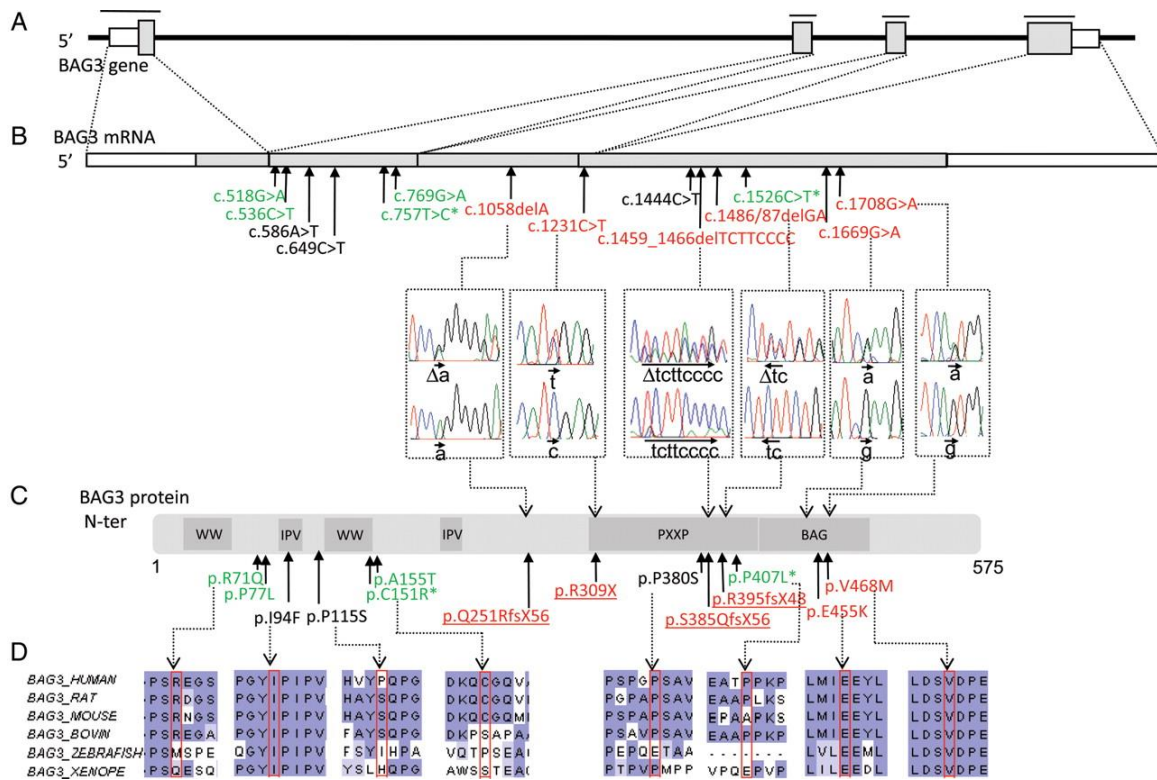


Figure 3.1: Variants in BAG3 found in index patients with familial dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM). (A) Genomic structure of the BAG3 gene. The four exons are presented as boxes (white for UTR, grey for coding). Upper horizontal lines indicate sequenced regions. (B) BAG3 transcript with all missense and frame shift variants positions identified in familial DCM cases indicated. The variants are classified as likely disease causing (red), possibly disease causing (black), or probably neutral (green) as explained in the Results section. *Indicates SNPs associated with sporadic DCM in the GWAS. All likely and possibly disease-causing variants were found each in a single independent individual at the heterozygous state. The electrophoregrams representative of heterozygous mutated (upper) and homozygous wild-type (lower) sequences are shown for each DCM mutation. The arrows indicate the modified nucleotides and the sequenced strand orientation. (C) Schematic representation of the BAG3 protein with referenced domain signature according to UniprotKB database³⁸ and dark grey boxes. The consequences of the DNA variants in (B) are shown as resultant predicted amino acid changes with the same colour code. (D) The ClustalW multiple alignments of orthologous BAG3 sequences from different species restricted to the immediate

vicinity of each missense variant (red boxes) with MAF > 5% is shown. Interspecies conservation is indicated as blue boxes (dark blue: identical; light blue: similar; white: not conserved amino acid).

Figure 3.2 – GWAS Heidelberg

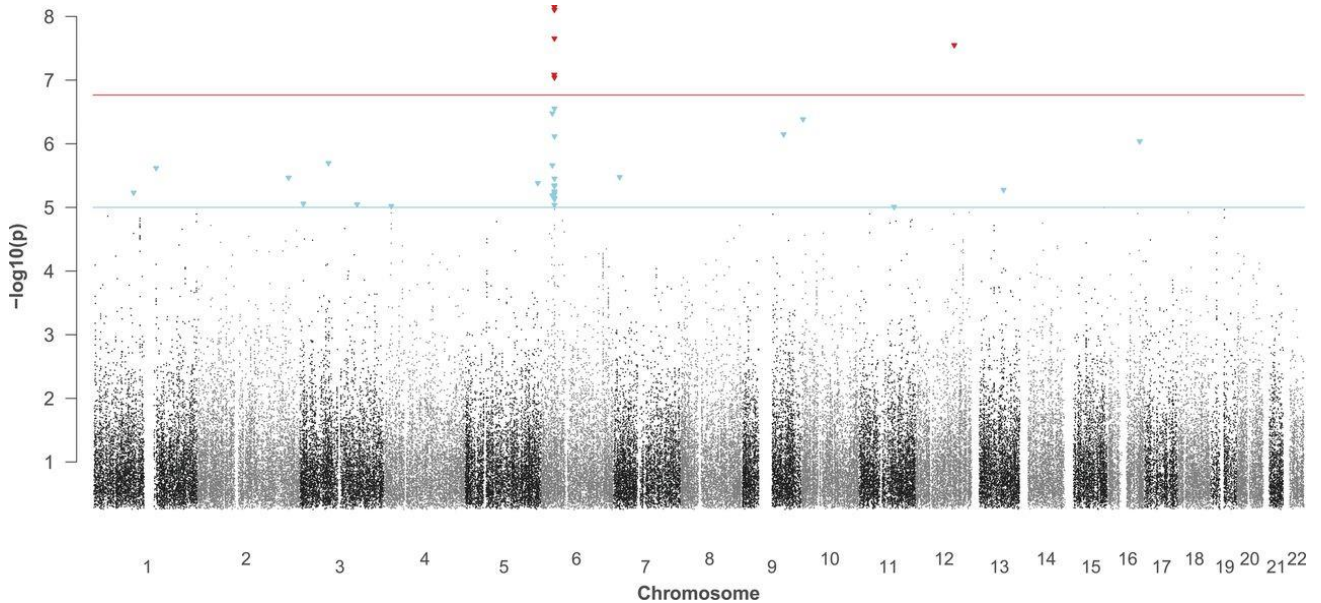
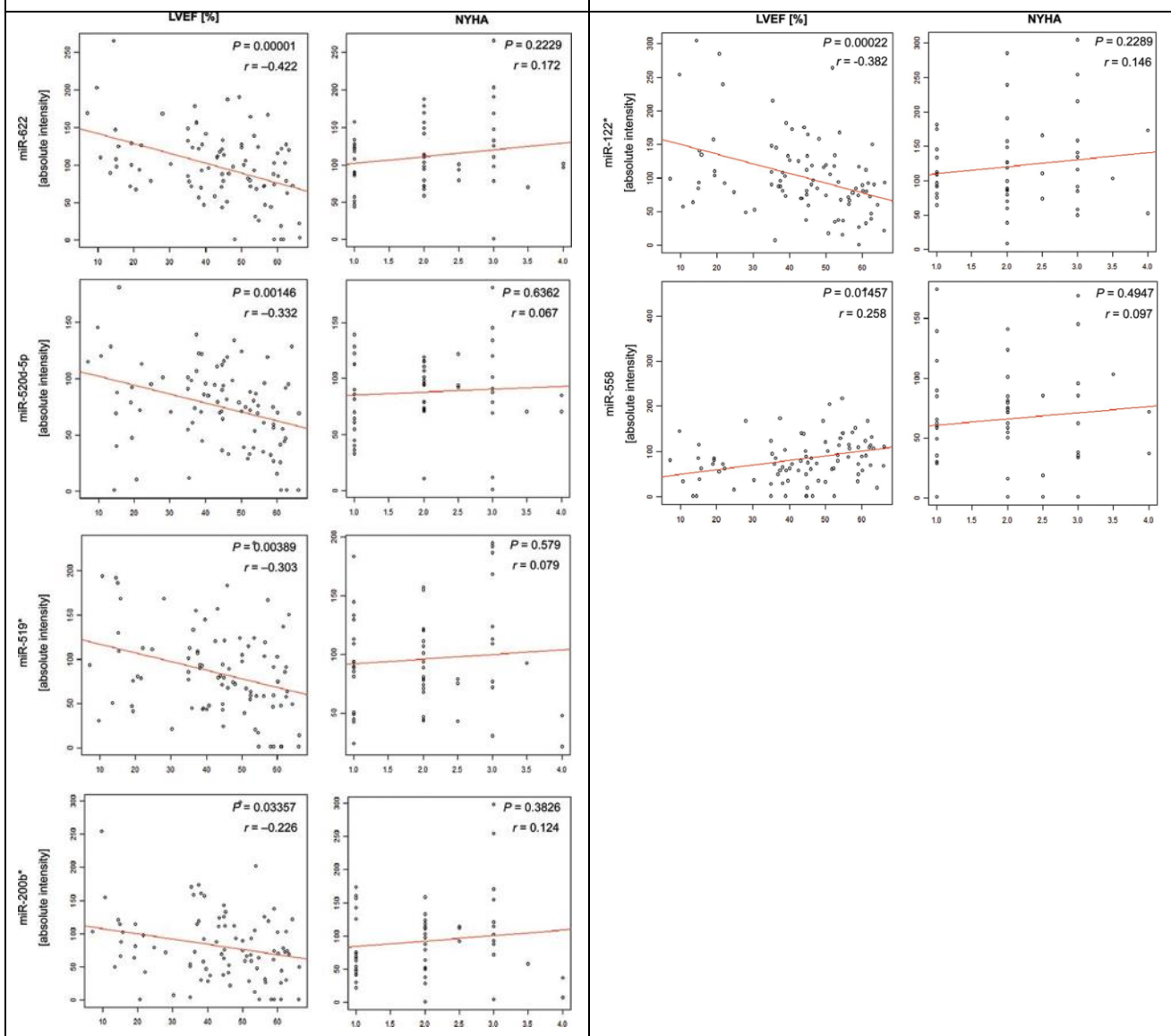


Figure 3.2 : A manhattan plot of the genome-wide association study for dilated cardiomyopathy. Minus \log_{10} P -values based on an additive genetic model are shown for single nucleotide polymorphisms that passed the quality control criteria for the screening cohort. Probability values were based on a logistic regression model, which also included age and sex. The red line indicates the genome-wide significance level of $P = 1.7 \times 10^{-7}$ and the blue line indicates the suggestive significance level of $P = 10^{-5}$.

Figure 3.3

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WP4 Transcriptomics

Figure.4.1

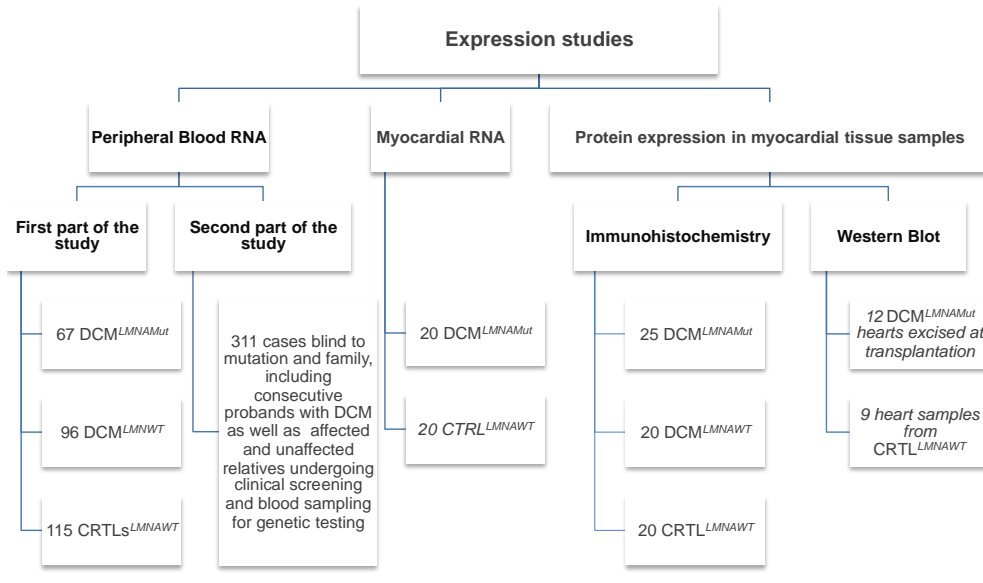


Figure 4.1: The figure summarizes the flow chart of the research for quantitative expression of LMNA in myocardial samples and in peripheral blood samples.

Figure.4.2

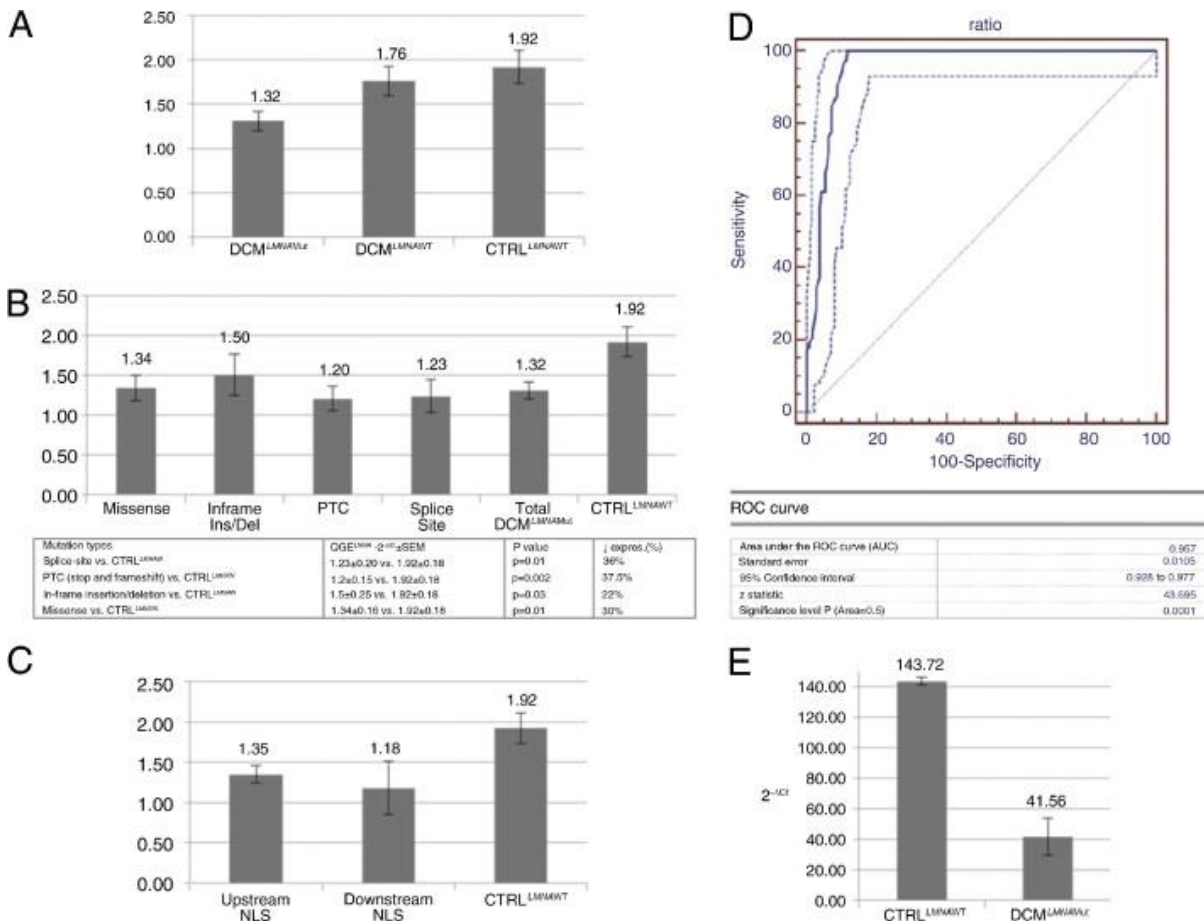


Figure 4.2: QGELMNA Study (A to C) First part of the study: QGELMNA ($2^{-\Delta Ct} \pm SEM$) in total RNA from peripheral blood of 67 DCMLMNA^{Mut}, 96 DCMLMNA^{WT}, and 115 CTRLLMNA^{WT}. **(B)** QGELMNA levels did not vary in patients with different types of mutations, and **(C)** with mutations localized upstream or downstream of the nuclear localizing sequence (NLS). **(D)** Second part of the study: receiver-operating characteristic (ROC) curve analysis for the QGELMNA in the peripheral blood RNA from the 311 consecutive cases. At the threshold value with the highest sensitivity, the area under the curve (AUC) was 0.957 ($p < 0.001$). **(E)** Third part of the study: myocardial samples of DCMLMNA^{Mut} versus CTRLLMNA^{WT}. CTRL = normal control; DCM = dilated cardiomyopathy; PTC = premature termination codon; QGE = quantitative gene expression.

Figure. 4.3

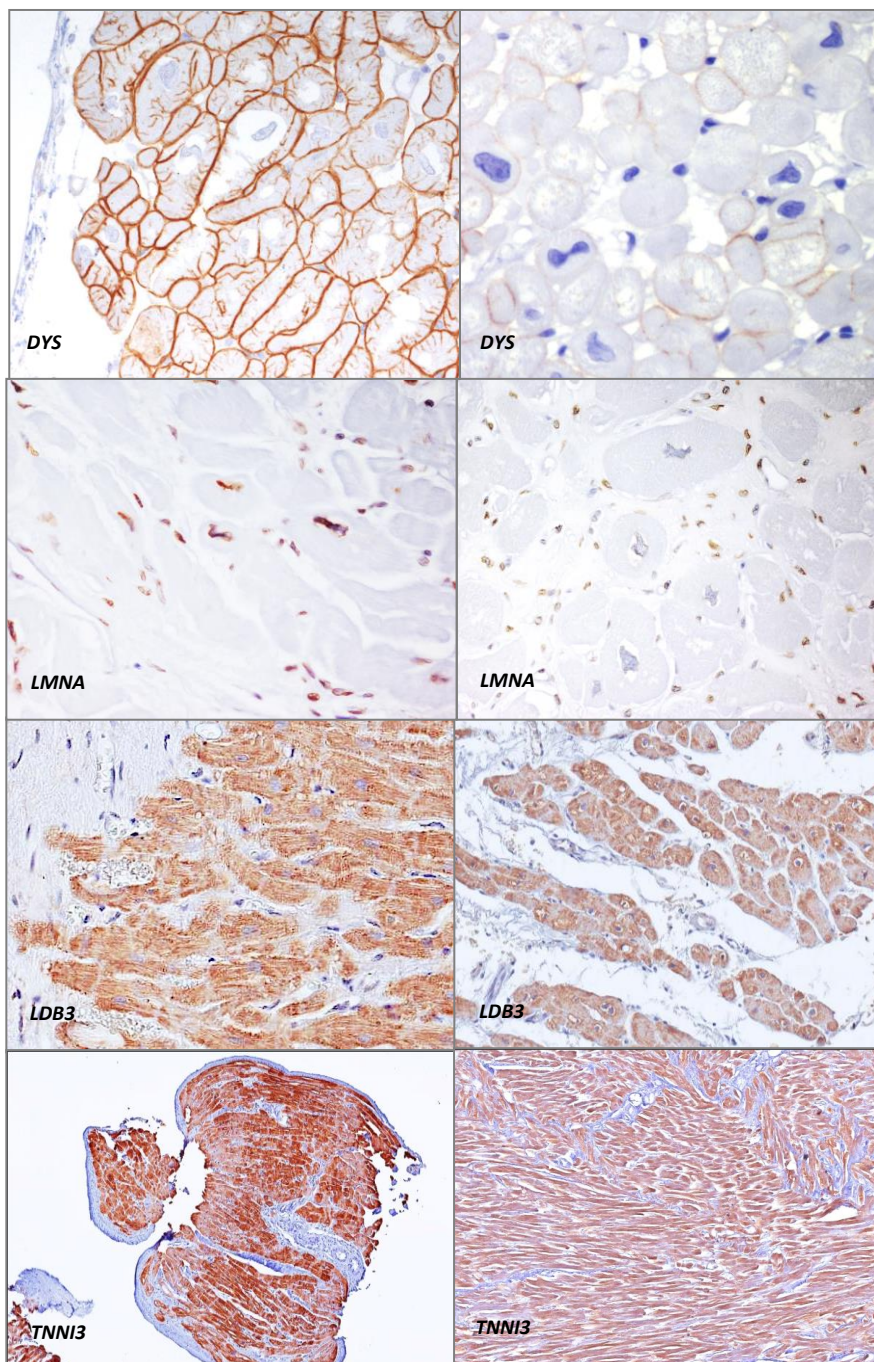


Figure. 4.3 : The panels shows the most striking results in dystrophinopathies in which immunohistochemistry strongly supports the diagnosis (mut vs. WT); in cardiolaminopathies in which immunohistochemisrty can contribute to suspect a mutation in LMNA (mut vs. WT); in cardiozaspopathies (LDB3) and trpononinopathies in which immunohistochemistry does not discriminate or show significant difference of the expression of the protein in mutated and wild type control samples. The translational impact of these results is therefore relevant for cardiodystrophinopathies and cardiolaminopathies but non-contributory to cardiozaspopathies.

WP5 Proteomics & metabolomics

Figure. 5.1

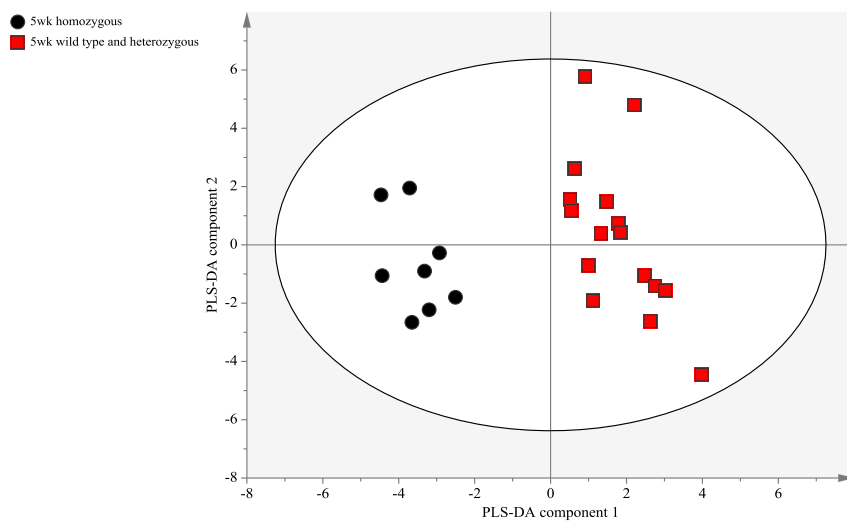


Figure. 5.1: Scores plot comparing aqueous metabolites detected by HILIC mode chromatography from heart tissue from wild type and heterozygous mice (one group) with homozygous laminopathic mouse hearts at the 5-week time point (model parameters $R^2X=41\%$, $R^2Y=93\%$, $Q^2=78\%$).

Figure 5.2

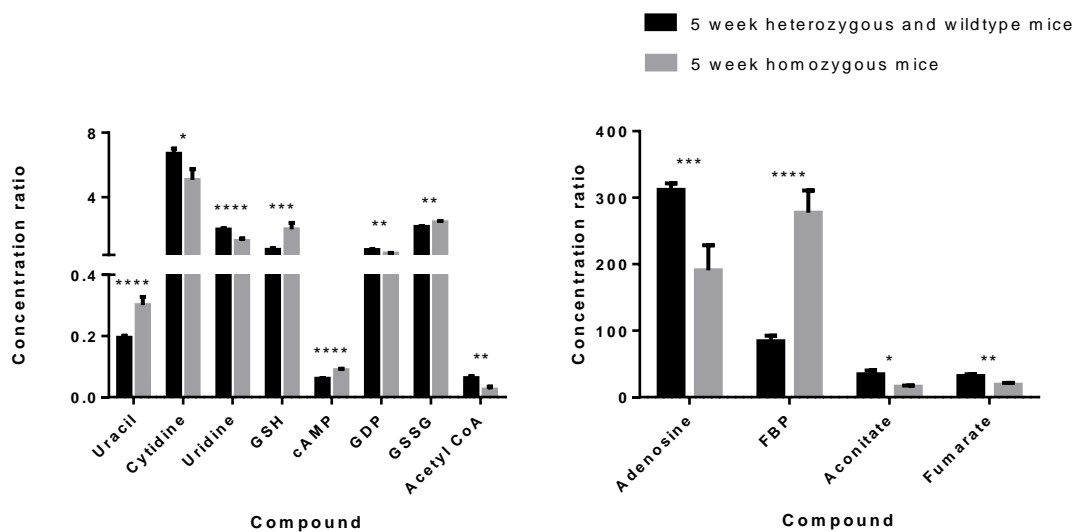


Figure. 5.2: Histograms summarising the significant metabolic changes between the homozygous and the combined group of heterozygous and wild type mice when analysed by HILIC chromatography. Standard error bars are shown and Student's t tests have been carried out (Key: * = $p < 0.05$, ** = $p < 0.01$, *** = $p < 0.001$, **** = $p < 0.0001$).

WP6 Animal models: zebra fish

Figure. 6.1

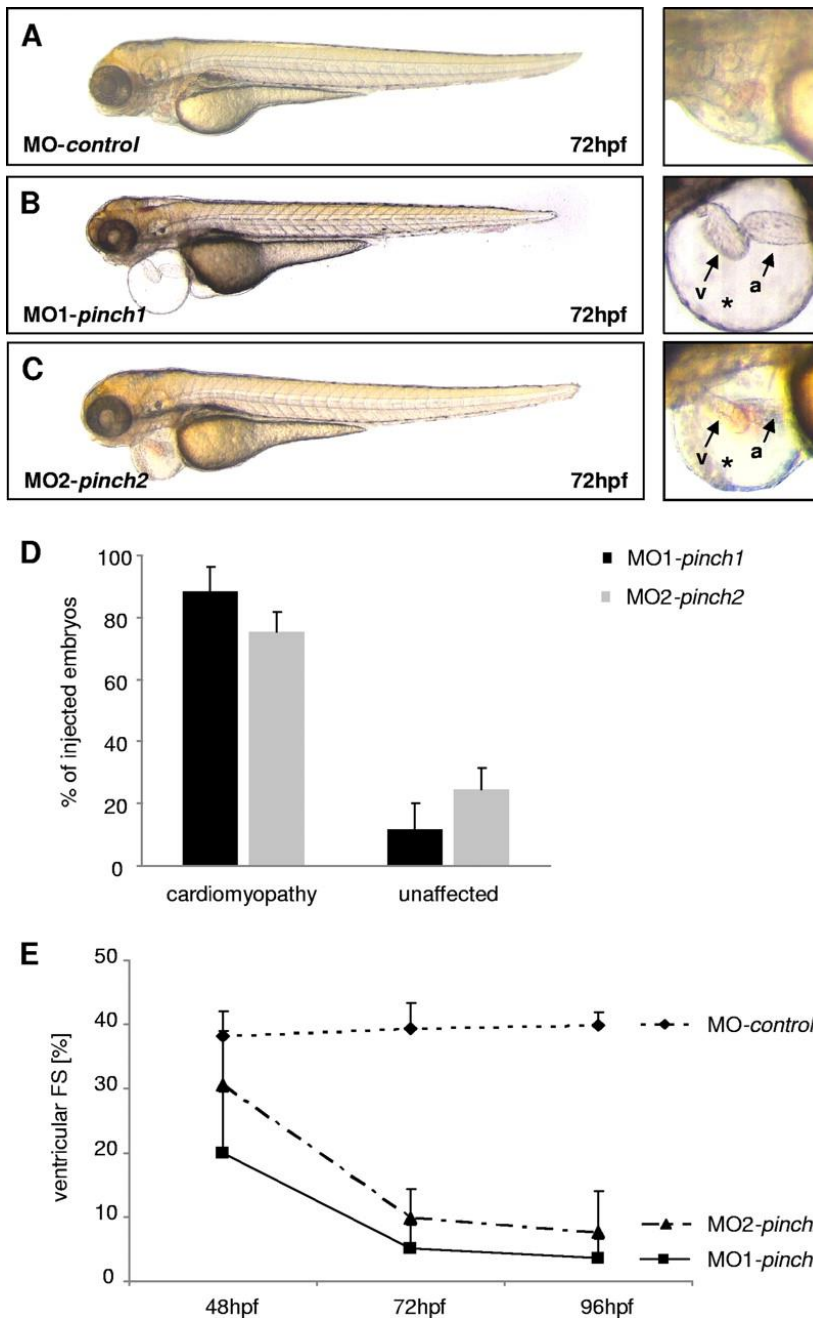


Figure.6.1: Knockdown of PINCH1 or PINCH2 leads to cardiomyopathy and heart failure. (A to C) MO1-*pinch1*- and MO2-*pinch2*-injected embryos develop pericardial oedema (*) and pericardial blood congestion due to disturbed cardiac contractility. Lateral Views of MO-*control*-injected (A), MO1-*pinch1*-injected (B)

and MO2-*pinch2*-injected (C) embryos at 72 hours hpf (v, ventricle; a, atrium). (D) After injection of MO1-*pinch1* or MO2-*pinch2*, 88% and 75% of morphant embryos, respectively, develop heart failure. (E) FS of the ventricular chambers of MO-*control*-, MO1-*pinch1*-, and MO2-*pinch2*-injected embryos measured at the indicated developmental stages. FS is significantly reduced in PINCH morphants after 48 hpf and further declines by 96 hpf.

Figure 6.2

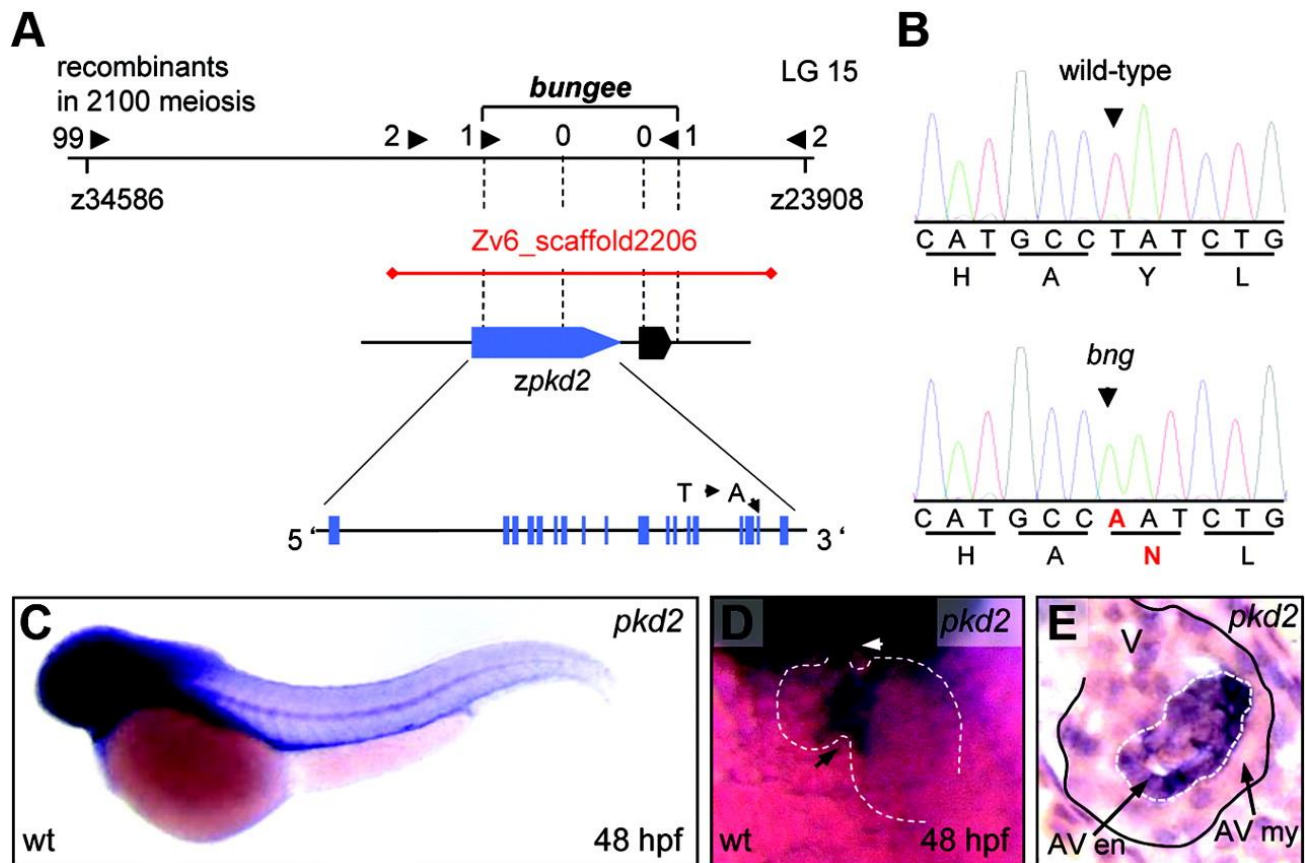


Figure 6.2 :*bng* encodes protein kinase D2 (*pkd2*) and is expressed in the zebrafish atrioventricular canal (AVC). A, Integrated genetic and physical map of the *bng* locus on zebrafish chromosome 15. The *bng* mutation interval is flanked by the microsatellite markers z34586 and z23908 and encodes 2 open reading frames, zebrafish *pkd2* and an unknown protein (*zgc:152692*). The genomic structure of zebrafish *pkd2* (*zpkd2*) is displayed at the bottom. The *bng* missense mutation (T→A) in the 17th exon of *zpkd2* is indicated. B, The *bng* missense mutation at cDNA position 2545 translates into an amino acid exchange from tyrosine (T) to asparagine (N). An arrowhead marks the mutated base. C through E, Whole-mount antisense RNA in situ hybridization of zebrafish *pkd2* expression in the brain, gastrointestinal tract, and AVC (black arrow) of the heart of zebrafish embryos at 48 hours after fertilization (hpf; C and D). E, Detection of *pkd2* in atrioventricular endocardial (AV en) but not AV myocardial (AV my) cells at 72 hpf by whole-mount antisense RNA in situ hybridization of a sagittal section through the atrioventricular canal of a zebrafish heart.

WP7 Animal models: LMNA KO mice

Figure 7.1 LMNA

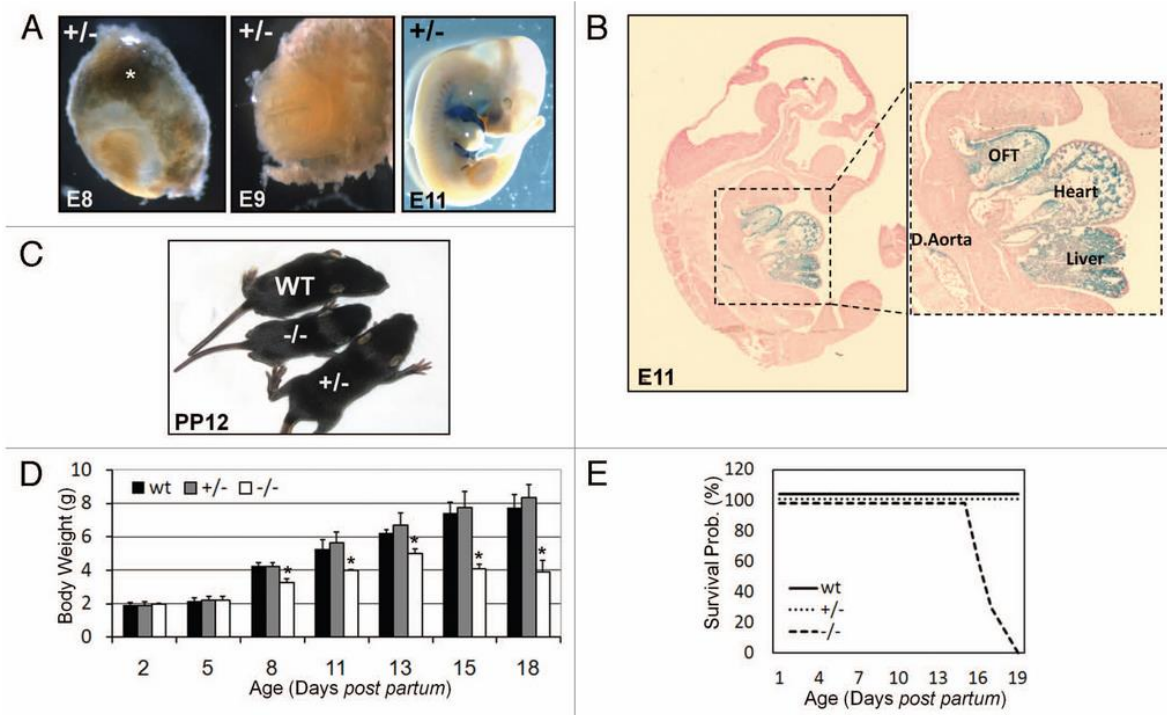


Figure 7.1: Embryonic and postnatal phenotypical characterization of the *LMNAGT*^{-/-} mouse.

(A) *LMNA* promoter activity is visualized by β -galactosidase staining in *LMNAGT*^{+/-} embryo's (E8.0, E9.0, E11.0). *LMNAGT*^{+/-} placental tissue is indicated by an asterisk.

(B) β -galactosidase stained *LMNAGT*^{+/-} embryo E11.0 tissue section (7 μ m) counterstained with Azo Phloxine (magnification 2.5 \times), including a close-up image (magnification 5.0 \times) of the heart, the heart's outflow tract (OFT), liver and dorsal aorta (D. Aorta).

(C) Macroscopic view of WT, *LMNAGT*^{+/-} and *LMNAGT*^{-/-} siblings 12 days post partum (PP12).

(D) Body weight over time graph (PP2–PP18). Asterisks indicate a significant difference for *LMNAGT*^{-/-} to *LMNAGT*^{+/-} and WT littermates (N = 10, p < 0.05).

(E) Survival curves for all three genotypes (N = 10) during the first 3 weeks post partum.

WP8 Structural studies

Figure. 8.1

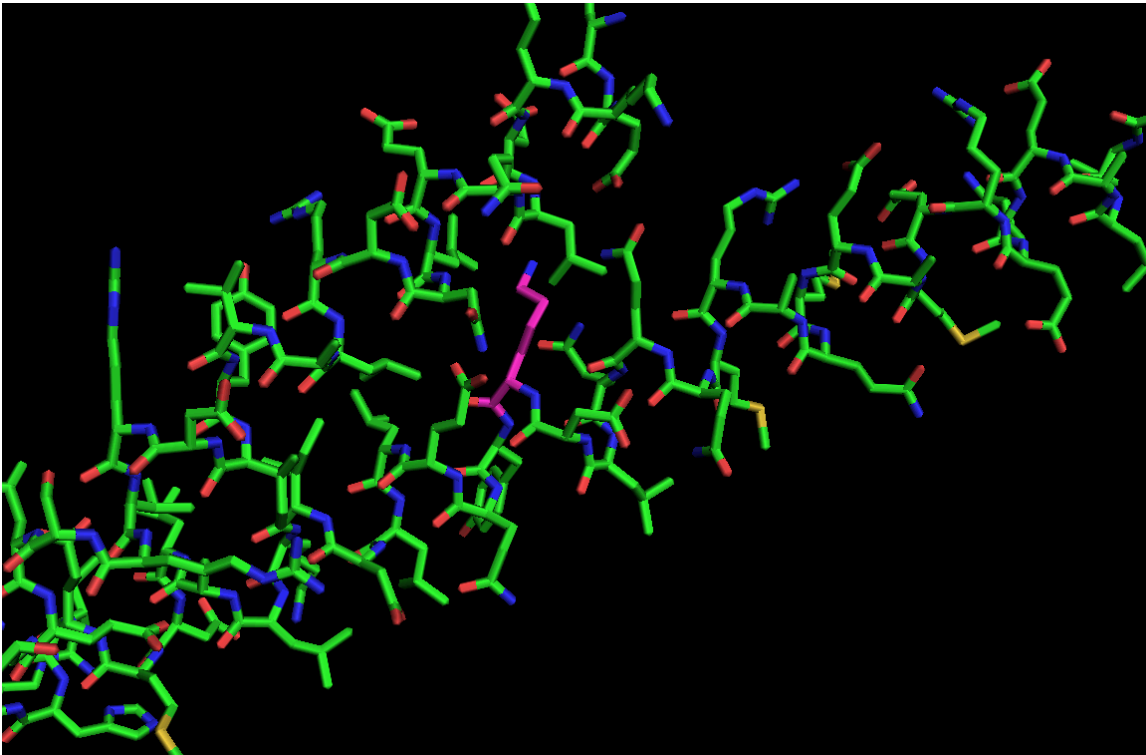


Figure. 8.1: Docking model of the E358K mutant (the mutated residue is represented in purple)

Figure. 8.2

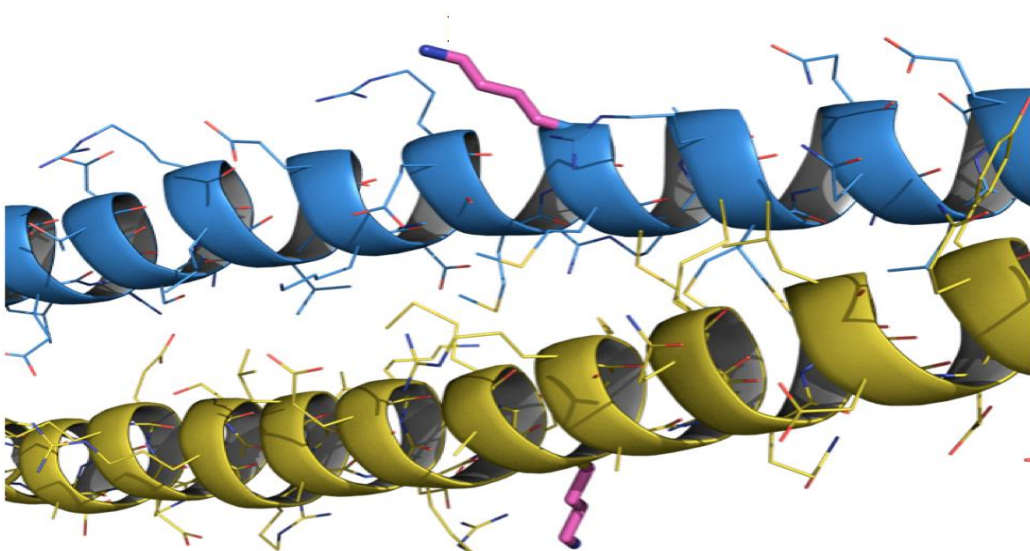


Figure.8.2: Crystal structures of E347K. View of the mutated region. Substituted residue is in red.

WP9 Therapeutics and improvement of medical management

Figure.9.1

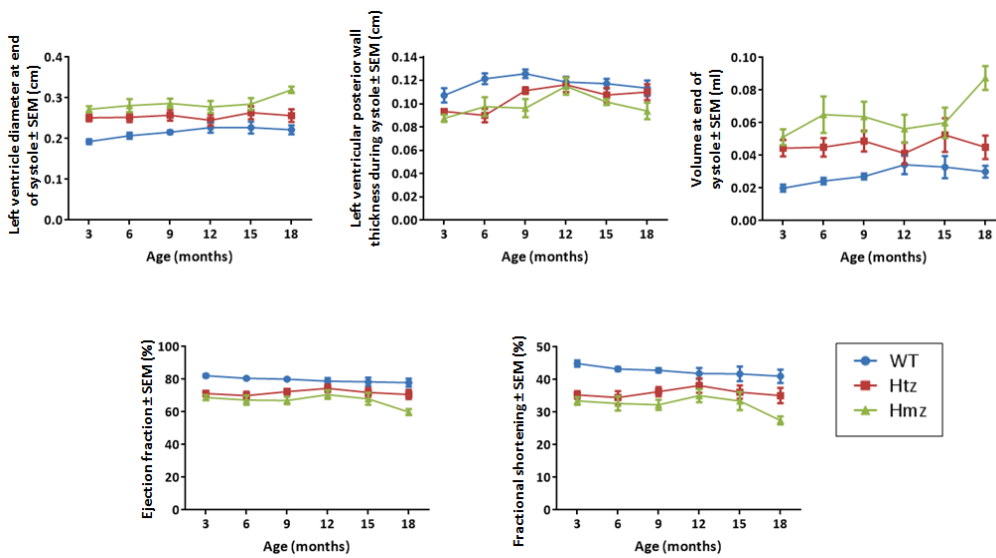


Figure 9.1: Graphs of described echocardiographic measures over nine months in male Mypn KI mice of the three genotypes. Homozygous measures were generally significantly different to wild-type at all time points across each of the variables shown, using 2-way ANOVA ($p < 0.05$ to 0.001), and heterozygous values were often significantly different to wild-type values.

Over time, values for all three genotypes did not differ significantly – except for posterior wall systolic thickness in heterozygous mice – indicating that a cardiac phenotype may not be appreciably worsening. All parameters shown were generally not significantly different between heterozygote and homozygote animals. WT = wild-type, Htz = heterozygote, Hmz = homozygote. Error bars are SEM, $n = 7$ to 8 animals per group.

Figure. 9.2



Figure 9.2: Heart to body weight ratio at six months. Homozygous and heterozygous mouse hearts are respectively ~ 11 to 30% larger at the age of six months compared to wild-type mice; $p < 0.05$

only for WT vs. Htz mice, Student's unpaired t-test. WT = wild-type, Htz = heterozygotes, Hmz = homozygotes. n = 7 to 8 mice for each group.

Figure. 9.3

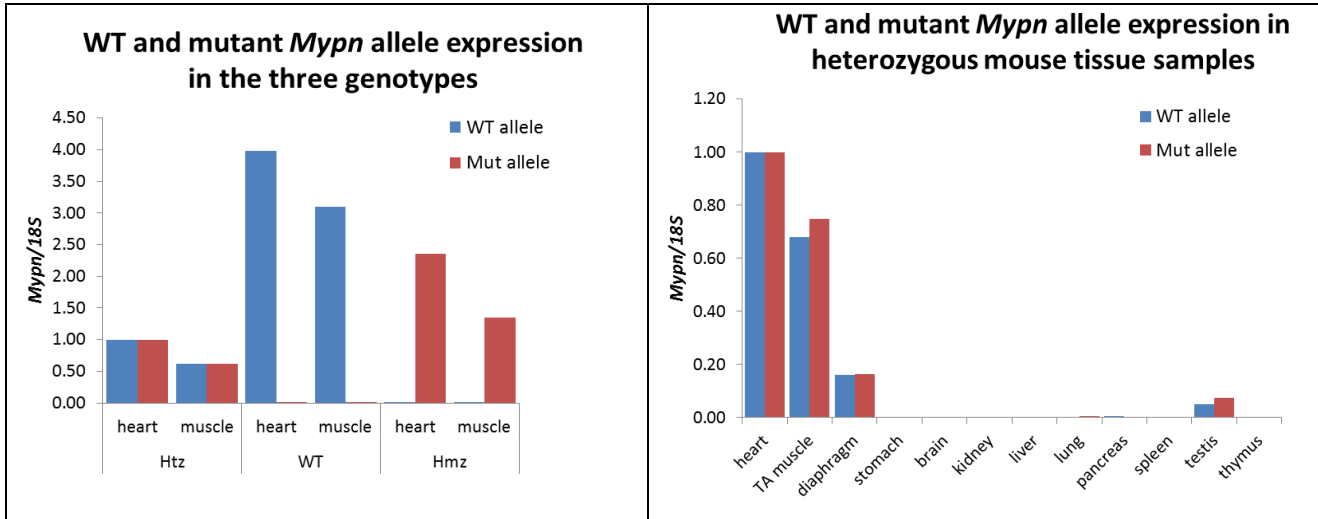


Figure 9.3: Allele-specific qPCR results indicating that A. The qPCR is specific, and that equal amounts of WT and mutant alleles are expressed in the heterozygous mouse, and that B. Myopalladin expression is limited to skeletal and cardiac muscles, excepting very low expression in the testes.

Figure.9.4

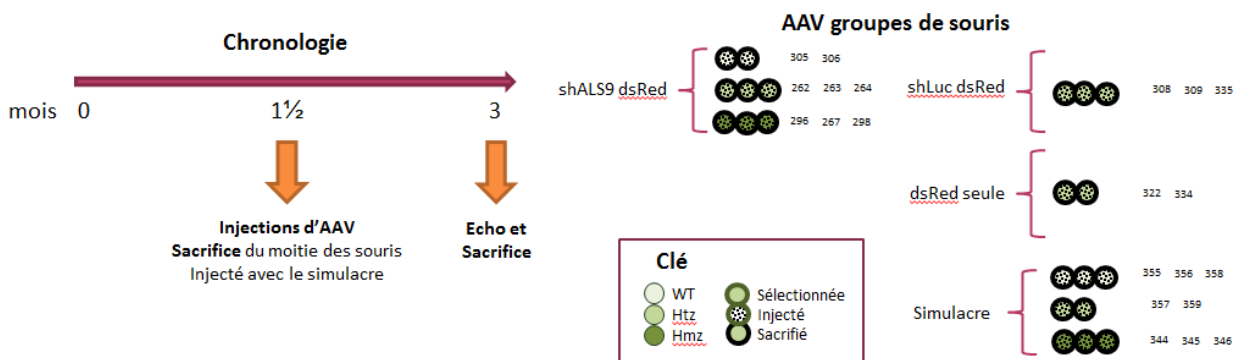


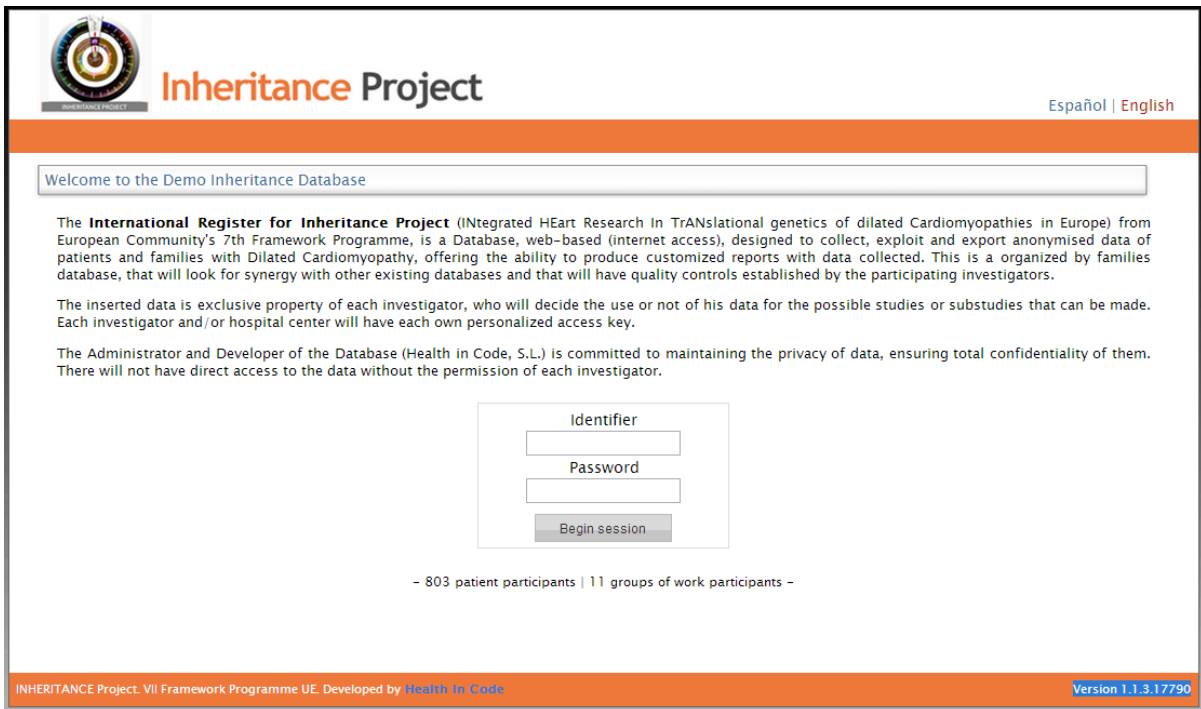
Figure 9.4: Experimental outline for testing AAV2.9 viruses.

Six-week-old *Mypn* KI mice will be infected with AAV2.9-shALS9-dsRed, AAV2.9-shLuc-dsRed, AAV2.9-dsRed or a mock injection via the retro-orbital route.

Six weeks post-injection, the mice will undergo echographic analysis, and will then be sacrificed for molecular analysis.

WP 10 Bioinformatics Database

Figure 10.1



The screenshot shows the login interface for the Inheritance Project Demo Inheritance Database. At the top left is the project logo, and the title "Inheritance Project" is displayed in large orange and black text. A language selector "Español | English" is in the top right. Below the header is a welcome message: "Welcome to the Demo Inheritance Database". The main content area contains three paragraphs of text explaining the project's purpose, data ownership, and privacy policies. A login form is centered, featuring input fields for "Identifier" and "Password", and a "Begin session" button. Below the form, it states "- 803 patient participants | 11 groups of work participants -". The footer includes "INHERITANCE Project. VII Framework Programme UE. Developed by Health in Code" and "Version 1.1.3.17790".

Figure 10.2



The screenshot shows the login interface for the Precardia register. The title "Precardia" is prominently displayed at the top left, and "Not Logged in" is in the top right. The main content area contains several paragraphs of text describing the trial: its multicentre nature, objective, context (Dilated Cardiomyopathy), hypothesis, expected results, and subject criteria. A login form is centered, with input fields for "Login Name" and "Password", and a "Login" button. The footer includes "PRECARDIA REGISTER. Developed by Health in Code" and "Version 1.0.4689.26422".

WP 11 Knowledge management Bioinformatics Database and data analysis

Figure. 11.1

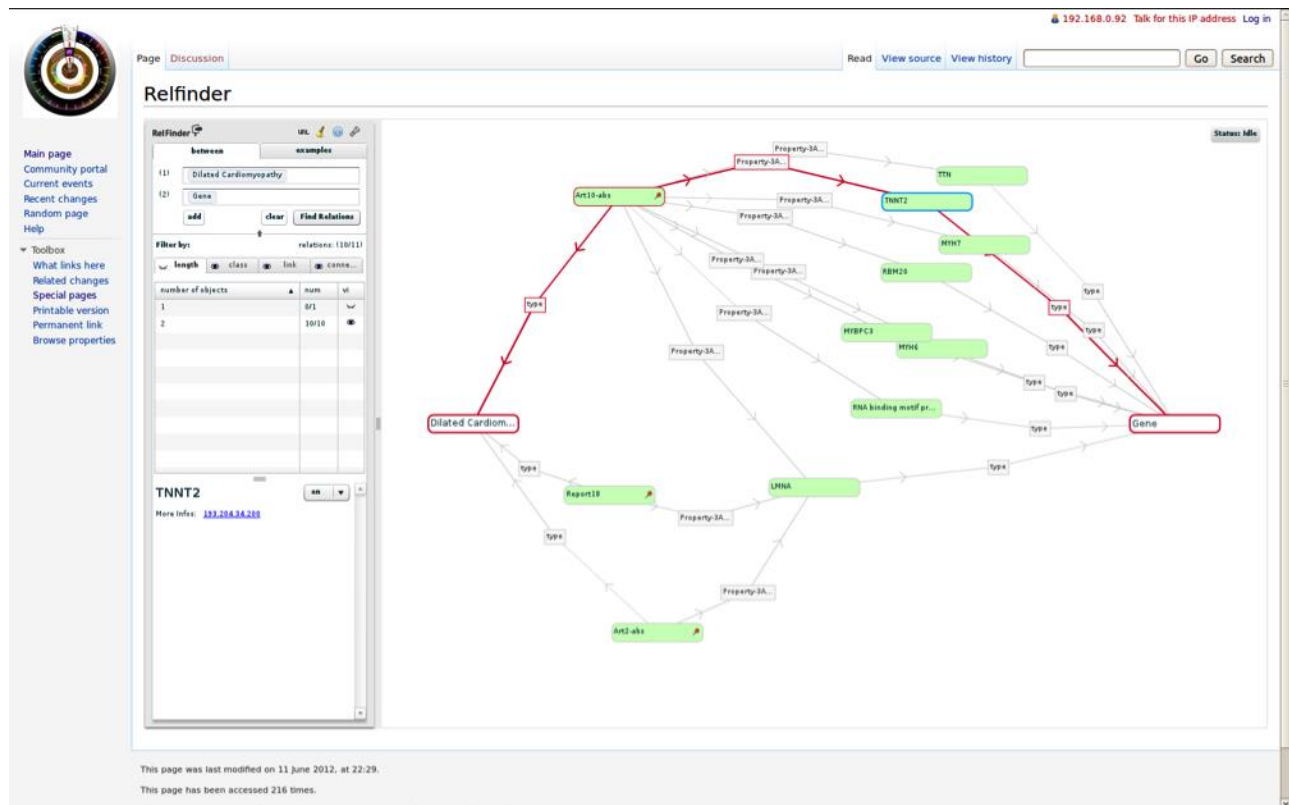


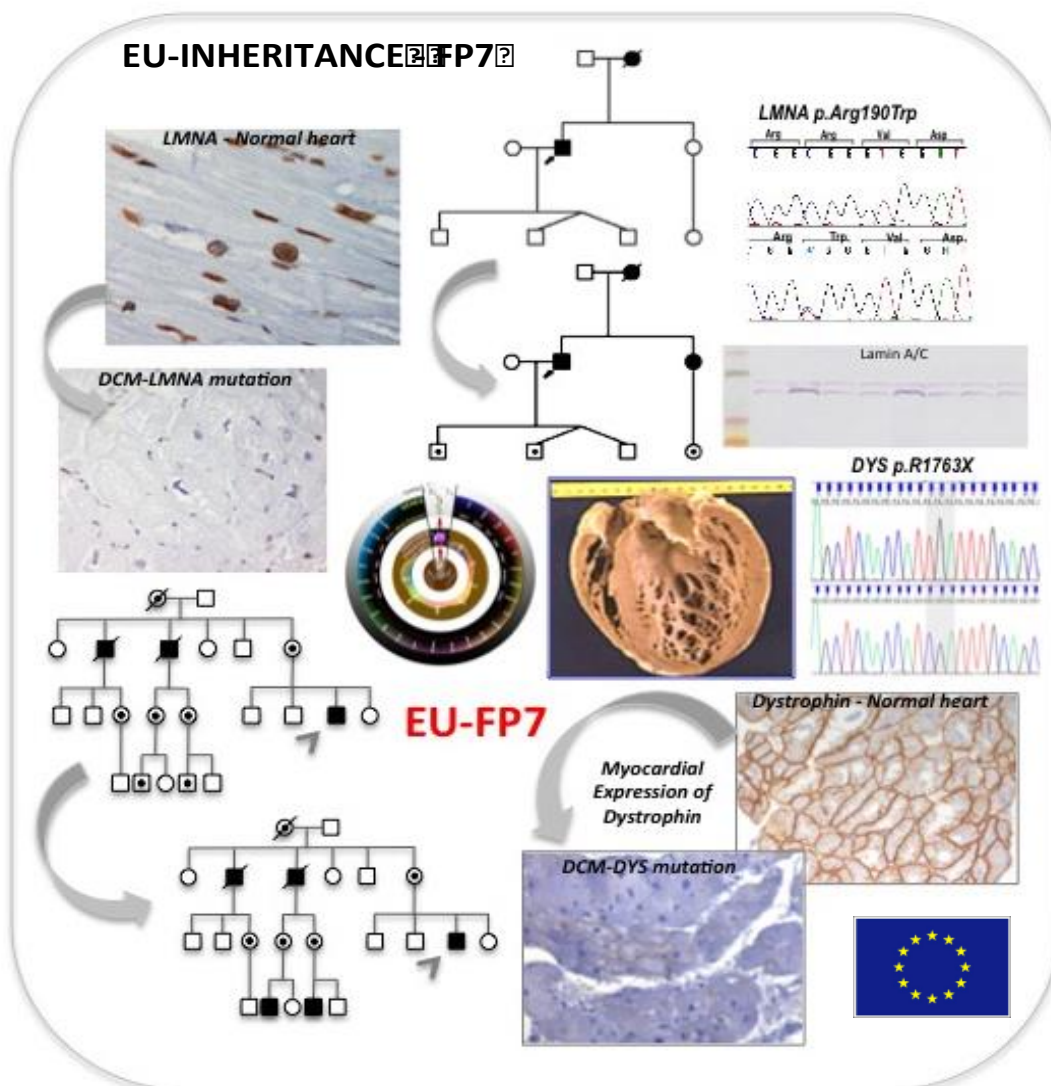
Figure 11.2



Potential Impact

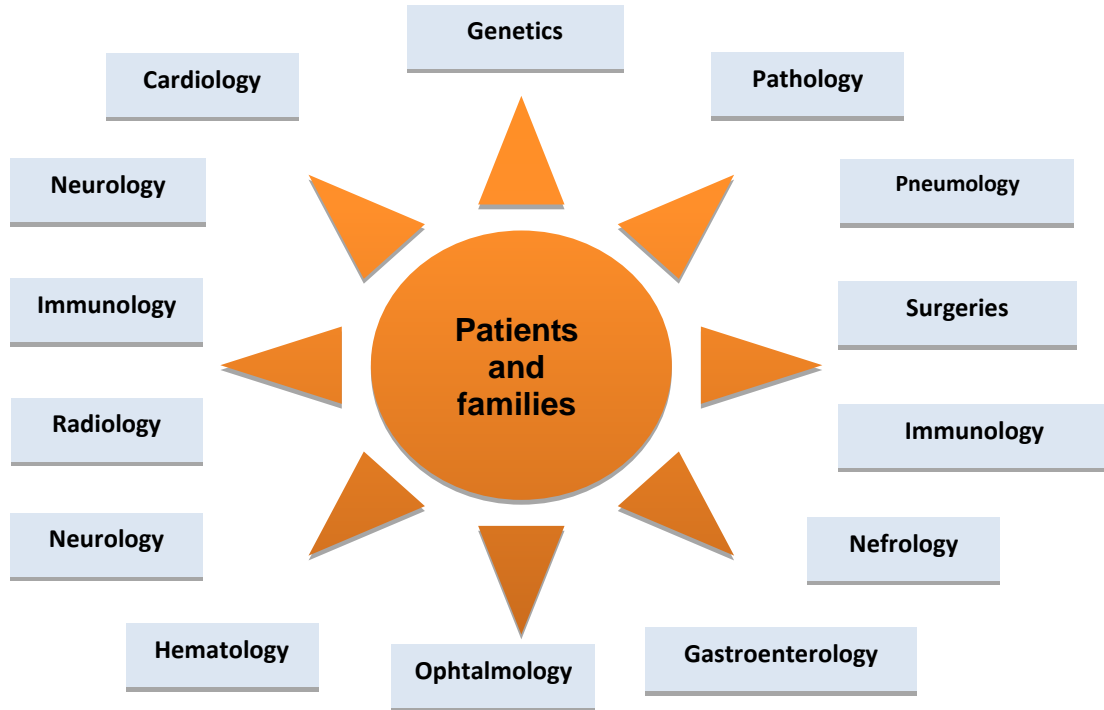
Potential Impact Figure 1.

The figure summarizes the key issues in INHERITANCE: at the centre, a dilated heart excised at transplantation; the logo on its left is a miniature of a family tree, DNA, disease genes, cells. Around the heart and logo, family trees before and after family screening and follow-up. The pair of upper pedigrees correspond to a LMNA family before and after genetic testing; the lower pedigrees correspond to a DYS family before and after genetic testing and follow-up; electropherograms as in Sanger sequencing; loss of protein expression in mutated hearts (Lamin AC, western blot of wild type and mutated Lamin AC on the right); immunohistochemistry: Lamin AC on the left; dystrophin on the right.

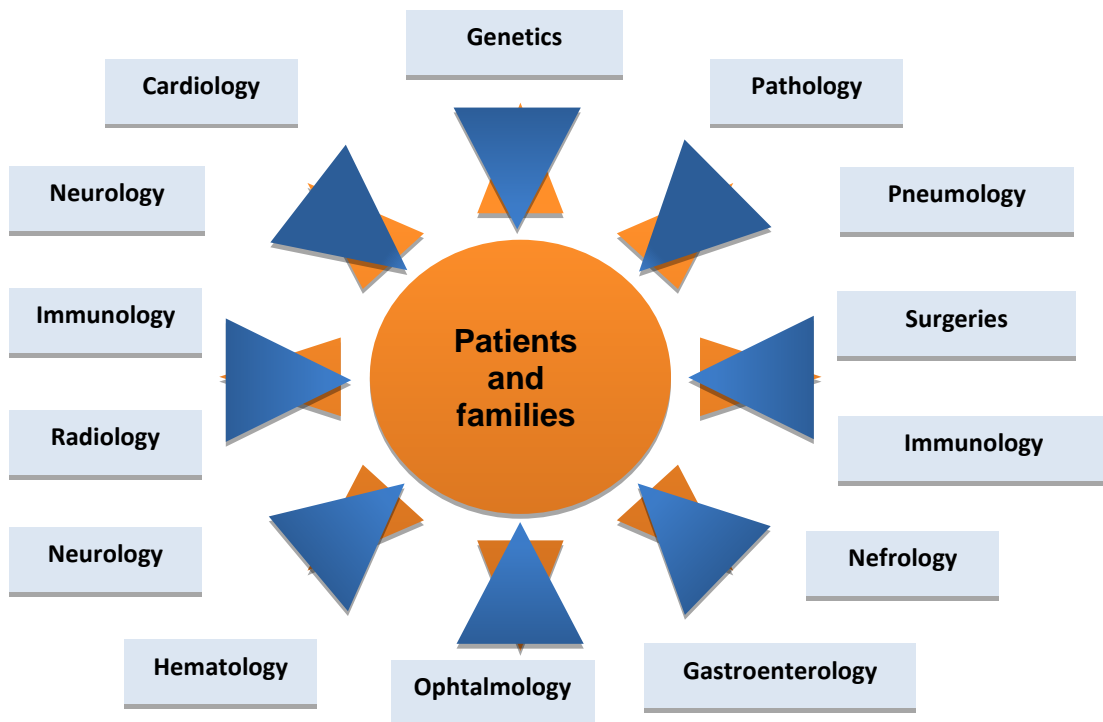


Potential Impact Figure 2.

A) The discipline-centred model of care obligates patients and families to search multispecialty support



B) The patient/family-centred model of care places the patient and his/her family at the middle core of the diagnostic work-up, plans specialist interventions on the individual needs and care plans.



Potential impact Figure 3

In a few weeks after publication, MOGE (S) attracted the attention of the scientific international community and opened the discussion about the need of a novel nosology system that describes both phenotype and genotype (Panel from the web sites).

The figure displays a collage of web pages and social media posts related to the MOGE(S) classification for cardiomyopathy. The central focus is the article "MOGE(S) nosology in low-to-middle-income countries" published in *Nature Reviews Cardiology* (Volume 11, pages 134-135, 2014). The article is authored by EIoisa Arbustini, Navneet Narula, G. William Dec, K. Srinath Reddy, Barry Greenberg, Sudhir Kushwaha, Thomas Marwick, Sean Pinney, Riccardo Bellazzi, Valentina Favalli, Christopher Kramer, Robert Roberts, William A. Zoghbi, Robert Bonow, Luigi Tavazzi, and Valentin Fuster. A yellow box highlights the URL <http://moges.biomeris.com/moges.html>. Other screenshots include the American College of Cardiology CardioSource page, the University of Tasmania's eCite Digital Repository, Mount Sinai Hospital's news page, Northwestern University's Scopus Publication Detail, a tweet from MNT Cardiovascular, the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) website, and Unbound MEDLINE.

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