

# Is it CVID? Not Necessarily

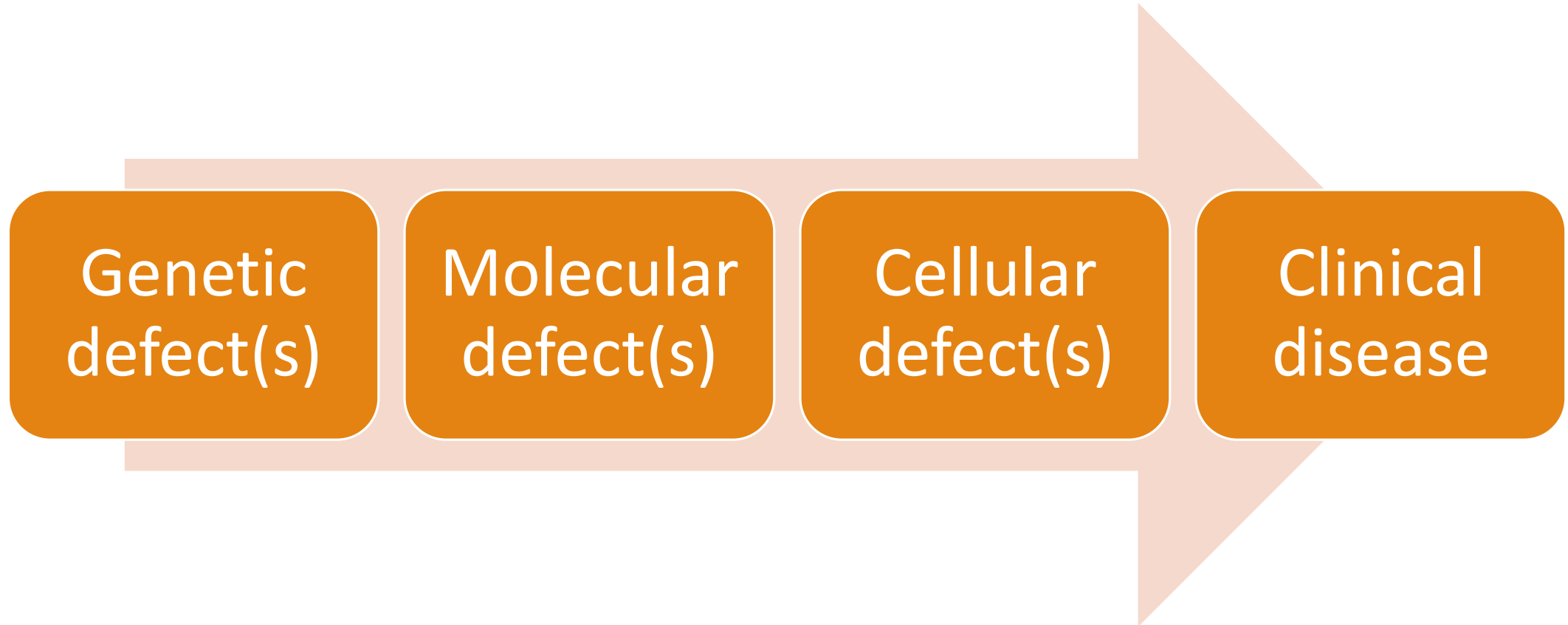
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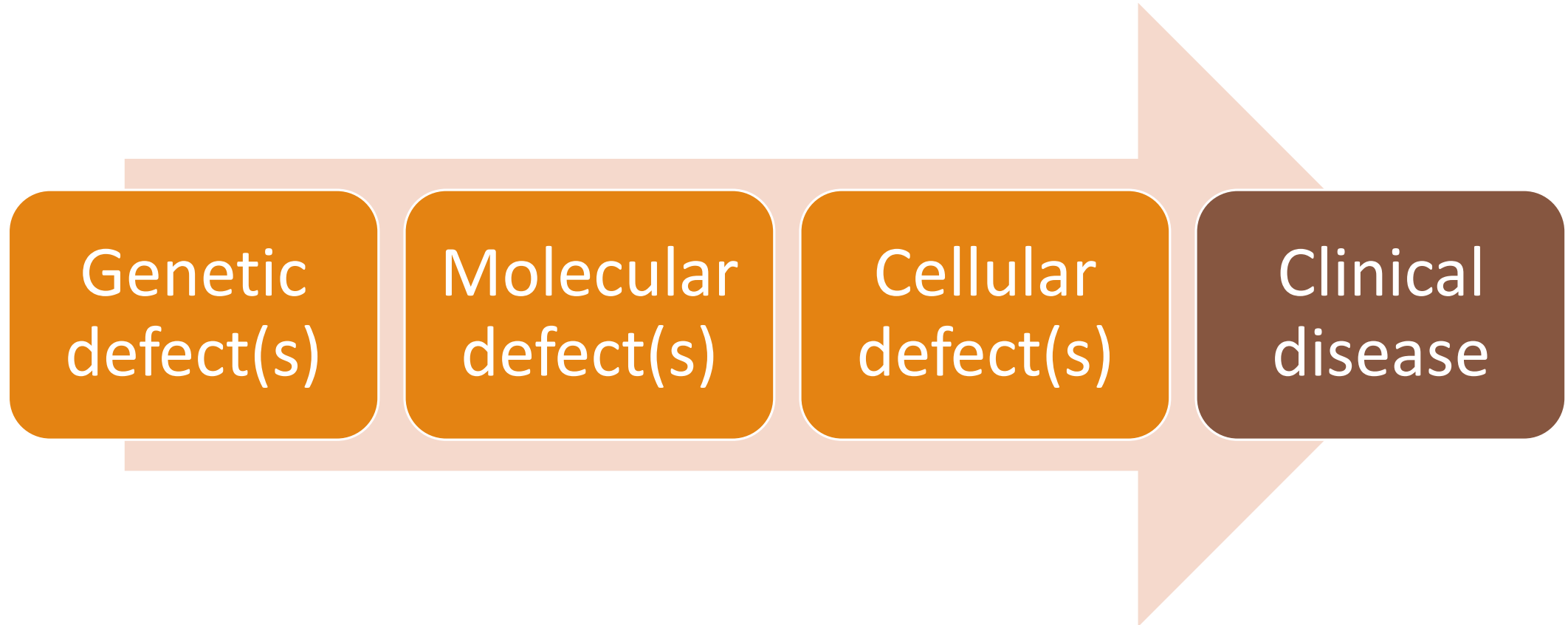
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# Clinical Disease

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PAGID 1999

Immunodeficiency

AMERATUNGA, ET AL 2013

Recurrent, severe, or unusual infections

Poor response to antibiotics

Breakthrough infections despite prophylactic antibiotics

Infections in spite of appropriate immunization

Bronchiectasis or chronic sinus disease

Inflammatory disorder or autoimmunity

ICON 2015

Infection

Autoimmunity

Lymphoproliferation

None of the above

# Laboratory Phenotype

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## PAGID 1999

Marked decrease in IgG and IgA (or IgM)

Absent isohemagglutinins and/or poor vaccine responses

## AMERATUNGA, ET AL 2013

IgG < 500 mg/dL

Low IgA (<80 mg/dL) and/or IgM (<40 mg/dL)

B cells present but low # CD27<sup>+</sup> and/or increased CD21<sup>low</sup> B cells

IgG3 deficiency (<20 mg/dL)

Poor vaccine response

Transient responses to vaccines

Absent isohemagglutinins

Serological support for autoimmunity

Sequence variations in predisposing genes

## ICON 2015

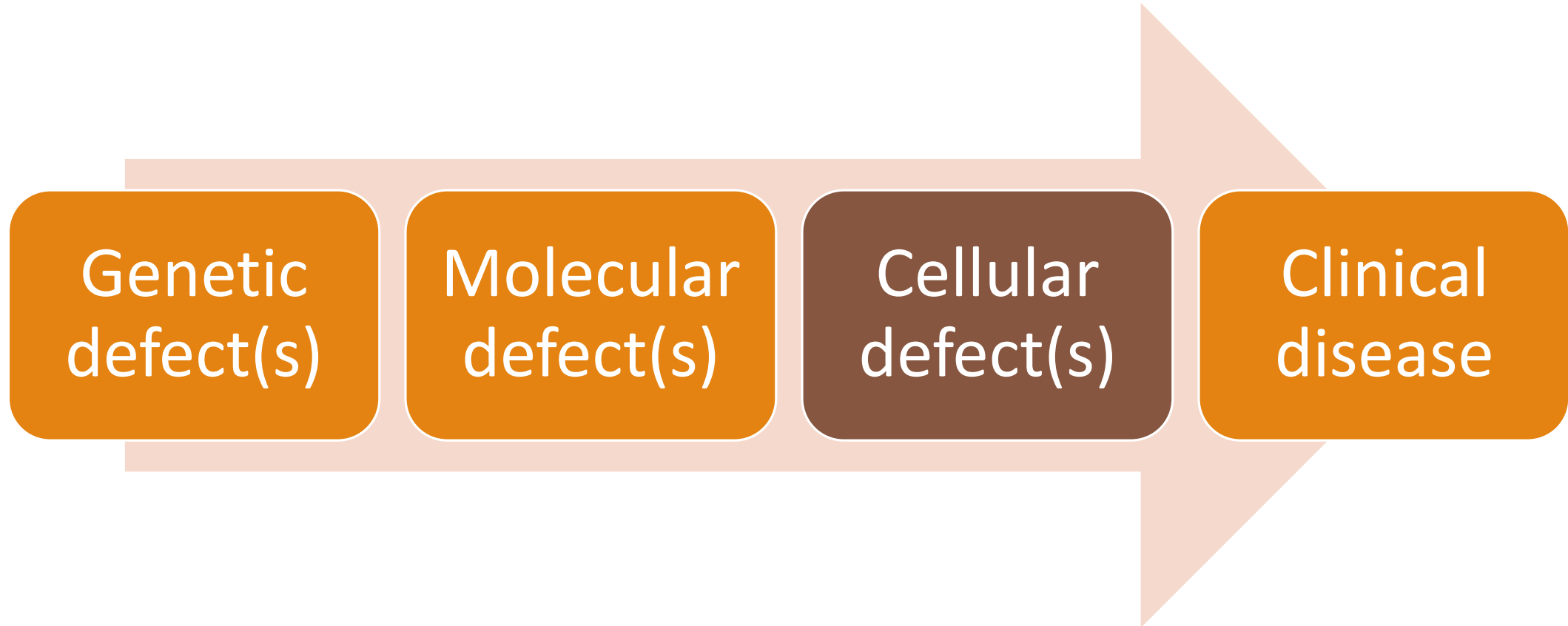
IgG < 450 mg/dL (although near normal still consistent)

Low IgA or IgM

Poor vaccine responses

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*sine qua non* of CVID

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# Maybe a B cell defect?

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Not necessarily an Ig production defect

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# Function by Immunoglobulin Isotype

Functional Activity	IgM	IgG1	IgG2	IgG3	IgG4	IgA	IgE
Neutralization	+	++	++	++	++	++	
Opsonization		+++	Genotype dependent	++	+	+	
Sensitization for killing by NK cells		++		++			
Sensitization of mast cells		+		+			+++
Complement activation	+++	++	+	+++		+	

# Maybe a T cell defect?

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# Maybe a dendritic cell defect?

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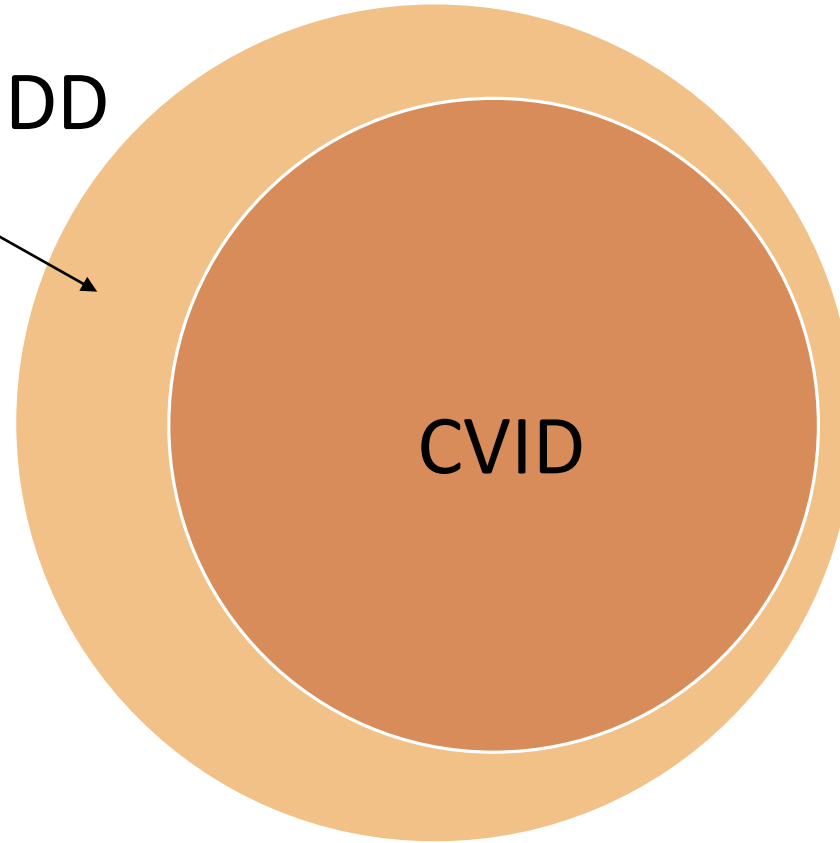
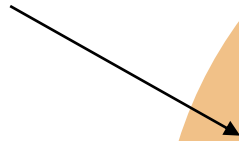
# Likely multicellular defect

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# Historical model

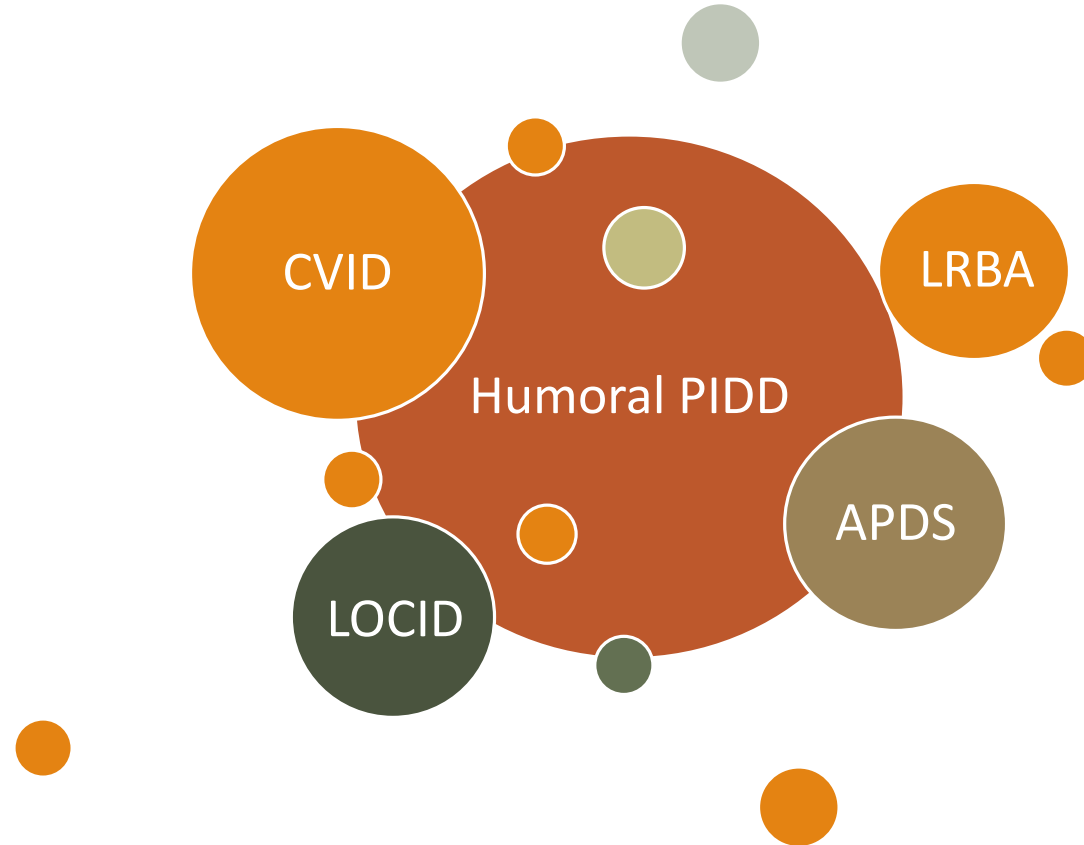
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Humoral PIDD



# Current/Evolving model

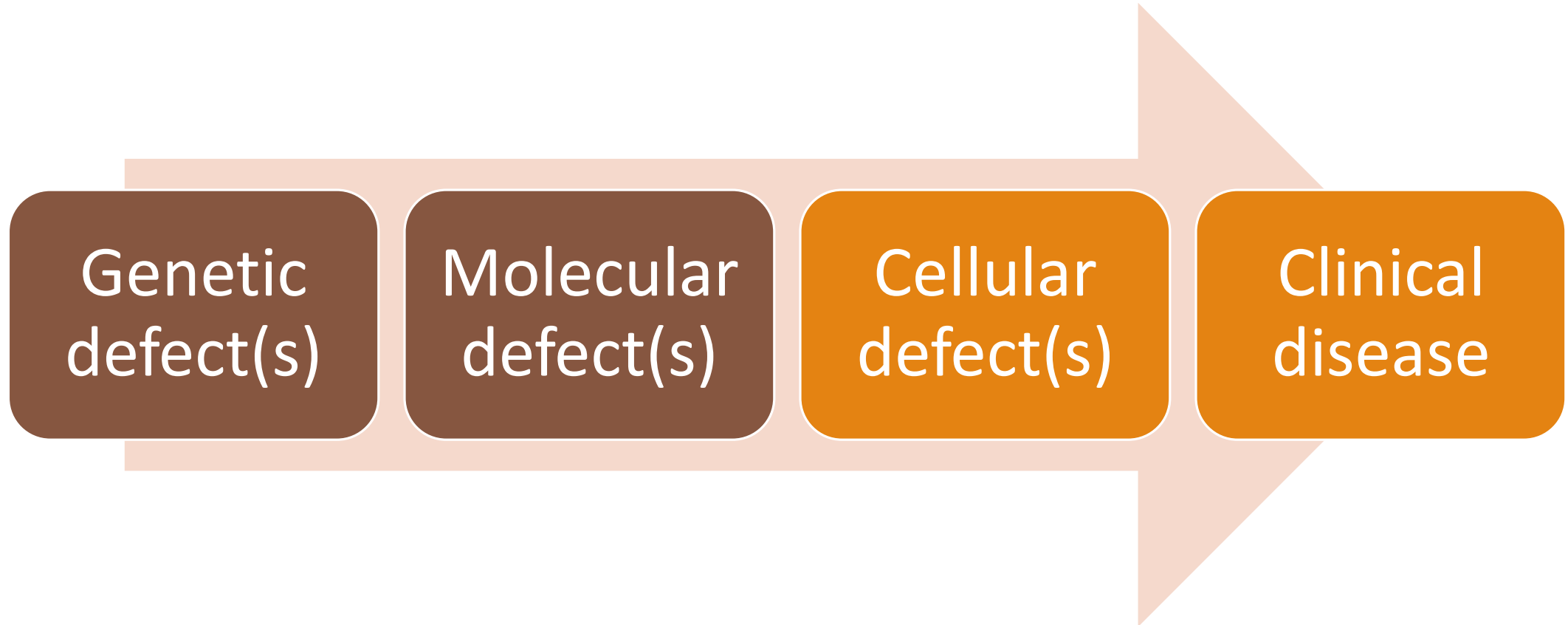
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# Genetic defects

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# Inducible T cell co-stimulator (ICOS)

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- ICOS expression
  - T cells
  - Dendritic cells
- ICOS ligand expression
  - B cells
  - Dendritic cells
- ICOS - ICOS ligand interactions
  - Germinal center formation
  - Terminal B cell differentiation
  - Effector T cell responses
  - Immune tolerance

# ICOS Deficiency Clinical Features

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- Autosomal recessive loss of function mutations
- Presents at any age
- Infections
  - Sinopulmonary
  - Gastrointestinal
  - Opportunistic
    - CMV viremia
    - Pneumocystis jirovecii pneumonia
- Immune Dysregulation
  - Autoimmune disease
  - Lymphoid hyperplasia
  - Granulomatous disease
  - Hepatosplenomegaly
  - Inflammatory bowel disease

# ICOS Deficiency Laboratory Findings

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- Low IgG (variable IgA and IgM)
- Impaired responses to protein and polysaccharide vaccines
- Absent to near absent memory B cells
- Absent plasma cells in marrow

# ICOS Deficiency Therapy

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- B-cell, T-cell, and Dendritic cell defects must be weighed
- Immunoglobulin replacement
- Prophylaxis against opportunistic infections
  - Trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole
  - Acyclovir
- Hematopoietic stem cell transplantation
  - Infections
  - Inflammatory bowel disease



# Who to genotype?

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- Opportunistic infections
- Difficult to control inflammatory disease, especially enteropathy
- Absence or near absence of memory B cells
- Absence of marrow plasma cells
- Family history

# Benefits of genotyping

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- Opportunistic infection prophylaxis
- Consider HSCT in severe cases including enteropathy
- Family planning





# TACI

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- Transmembrane activator and calcium modulator and cyclophilin ligand interactor
- Expressed on B cells
- Ligands
  - B-cell activating factor (BAFF) or B Lymphocyte Stimulator (BLyS)
    - Membrane bound and soluble
  - A Proliferation Inducing Ligand (APRIL)
    - Soluble
  - Produced by
    - Dendritic cells
    - Monocytes
    - Neutrophils
    - Bone marrow stromal cells

# TACI Function

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- Class switch recombination
- Differentiation of plasma cells
- Survival of plasma cells
- T-independent responses to polysaccharide antigens
- Central B-cell tolerance and peripheral B-cell expansion

# TACI Mutation Clinical Features

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- Biallelic mutations are disease causing
- Monoallelic mutations are disease predisposing
- Loss of function mutations
- Clinical phenotype
  - Common variable immunodeficiency
    - Sinopulmonary infections, granulomatous disease, lymphoid hyperplasia
    - Autoimmune disease primarily in heterozygous patients
  - Selective IgA deficiency
  - IgG subclass deficiency

# TACI Mutation Laboratory Findings (in CVID)

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- Low IgG (variable IgA and IgM)
- Impaired responses to polysaccharide vaccines
- Variable memory B cell numbers



# TACI Mutation Therapy in CVID

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- Traditional CVID therapy
  - Immunoglobulin replacement
  - Antimicrobial prophylaxis when appropriate
  - Management of inflammatory and autoimmune diseases
  - Malignancy surveillance



# Phosphoinositide 3-kinase (PI3K)

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- PIK3CD gene encodes the catalytic p110 $\delta$  subunit of phosphoinositide 3-kinase (PI3K)
- Intracellular molecule in leukocytes including B-cells and T-cells
- Activated by binding of ligands to various cell surface receptors
  - Antigen receptors
  - Cytokine receptors
  - Surface integrins
- Modulates signaling through multiple downstream pathways including mechanistic target of rapamycin (mTOR) modulating
  - Gene expression
  - Regulation of protein and organelle function
  - Cellular metabolism

# Immunodeficiency secondary to PIK3CD mutation

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- Activated PI3K $\delta$  Syndrome (APDS) OR p110 $\delta$  Activating mutation causing Senescent T cells, Lymphadenopathy, and Immunodeficiency (PASLI Disease)
- Autosomal dominant
- Gain of function mutations

# APDS Infectious Complications

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Recurrent respiratory tract infections	51/53 (98)	
Pneumonia†	39/46 (85)*	
Bronchiectasis‡	32/53 (60)	
Chronic rhinosinusitis	24/53 (45)	
Recurrent otitis media	26/53 (49)	
(with permanent hearing loss)	4/53 (8)	
Severe or persistent herpesvirus infection	26/53 (49)	*
EBV	14/53 (26)	
CMV	8/53 (15)	
HSV and VZV	11/53 (21)	
Tonsillitis	15/53 (28)	
(with tonsillectomy)	7/53 (13)	
Ocular infections	10/53 (19)	

# APDS Non-infectious Features

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Lymphadenopathy§	34/53 (64)
Splenomegaly	31/53 (58)
Hepatomegaly	24/53 (45)
Autoimmune disease	22/53 (42)
Nodular mucosal lymphoid hyperplasia	17/53 (32)
Enteropathy	13/53 (25)
Developmental delay	10/53 (19)
Lymphoma	7/53 (13)

# APDS Immunoglobulin levels

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	Reduced, n/total (%)	Normal, n/total (%)	Increased, n/total (%)
IgG	21/49 (43)	26/49 (53)	2/49 (4)
IgA	25/50 (50)	24/50 (48)	1/50 (0.5)
IgM	0/50 (0)	12/50 (24)	38/50 (76)
Pneumococcal vaccine response*	25/28 (89)	3/28 (11)	

# APDS T cell phenotype

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- Decreased CD4/CD8 ratio
- Increased number of terminally differentiated memory T cells (poor proliferative capacity)
- Increased number of senescent CD8+ memory T cells (poor functional capacity)



# APDS B cell phenotype

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Reduced B-cell counts (CD19 <sup>+</sup> )	32/48 (67)
Increased transitional B-cell counts (CD19 <sup>+</sup> IgM <sup>++</sup> CD38 <sup>++</sup> )	24/32 (75)
Reduced nonswitched memory B cells (CD19 <sup>+</sup> IgD <sup>+</sup> CD27 <sup>+</sup> )	15/30 (50)
Reduced class-switched memory B-cell counts (CD19 <sup>+</sup> IgD <sup>-</sup> CD27 <sup>+</sup> )	17/30 (57)

# APDS Therapy

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- Immunoglobulin replacement
- Antibacterial, antiviral, and/or antifungal prophylaxis in selective patients
- Frequent screening for lymphoma
- Rituximab for non-neoplastic lymphoproliferation and other autoimmune disease
- Rapamycin (sirolimus) for non-malignant lymphoproliferation and hepatosplenomegaly
- Consider selective PI3K $\delta$  inhibitors
- Consider HSCT

# Cellular effects of sirolimus therapy

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# Who to genotype?

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- Hyper IgM
- Severe non-malignant lymphadenopathy
- Herpes family viremia
- Increased number of terminally differentiated (CCR7-) memory (RA-) T cells
- Increased number of senescent (CD57+) CD8+ T cells
- Family history

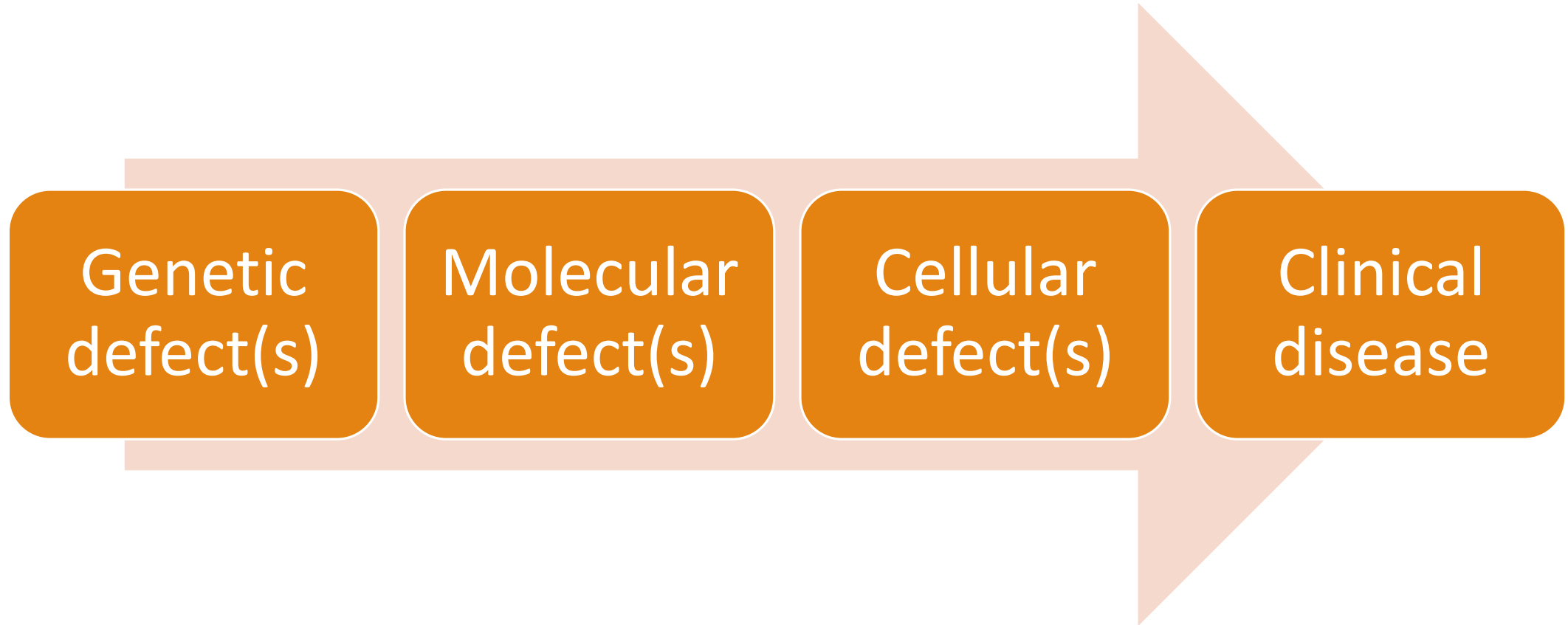
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- Consider sirolimus for non-malignant lymphoproliferation
- Implement aggressive lymphoma screening
- Consider HSCT in severe cases
- Family planning

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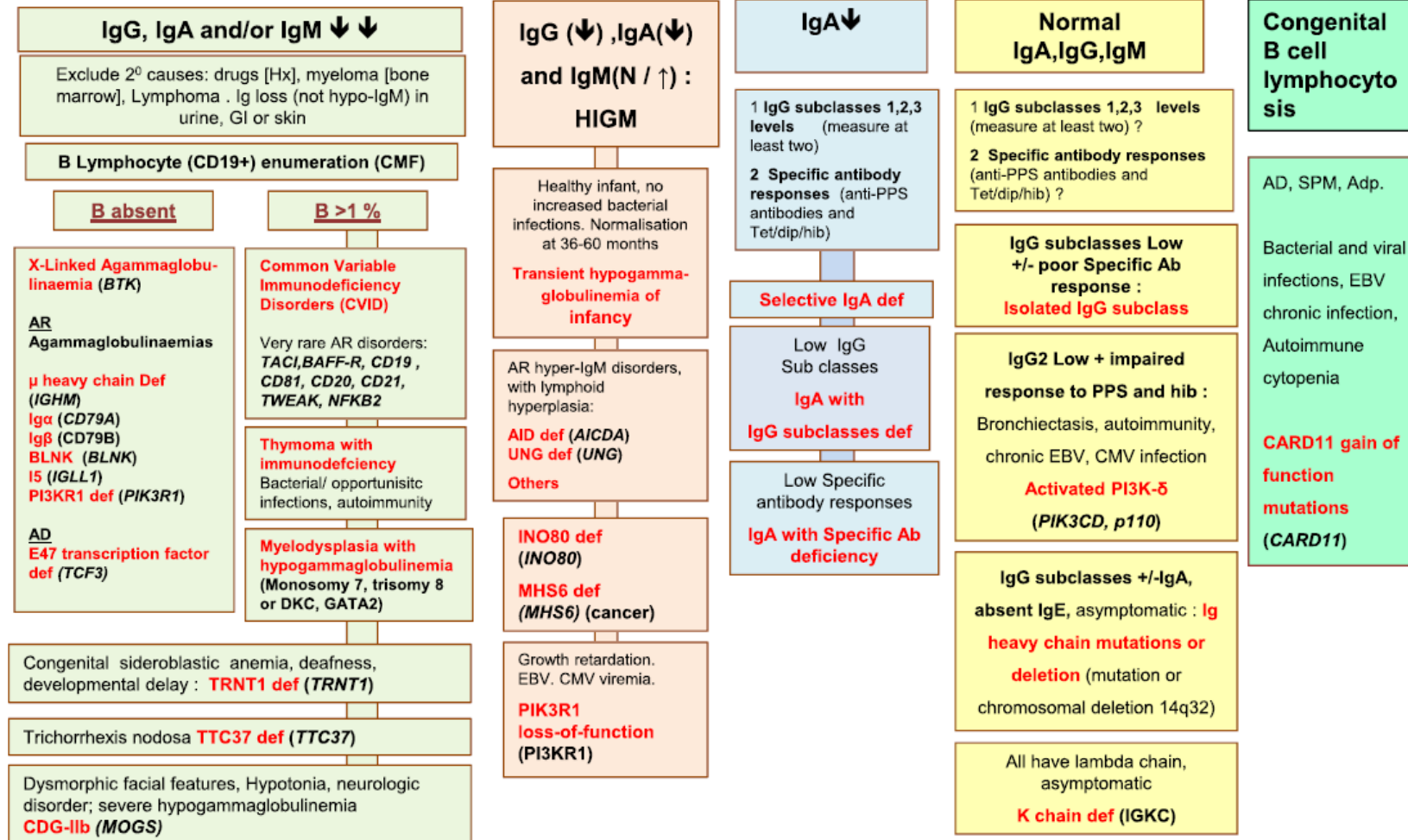


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**Congenital  
B cell  
lymphocyto  
sis**

AD, SPM, Adp.

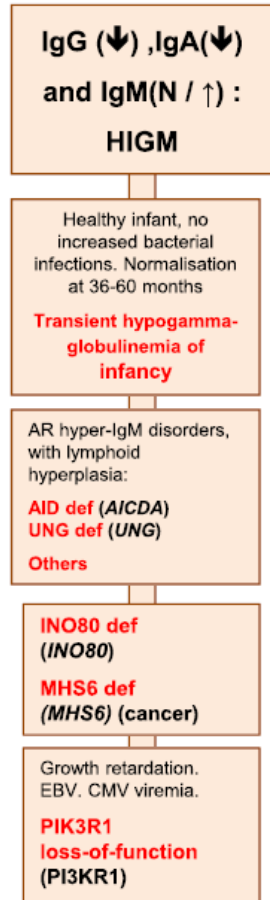
Bacterial and viral  
infections, EBV  
chronic infection,  
Autoimmune  
cytopenia

**CARD11 gain of  
function  
mutations  
(CARD11)**

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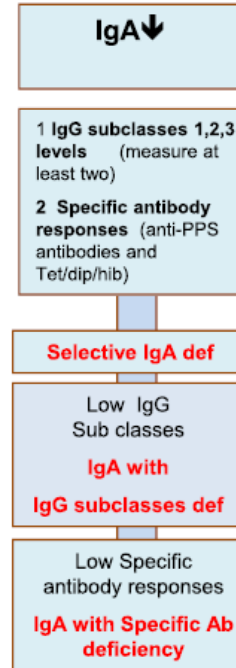
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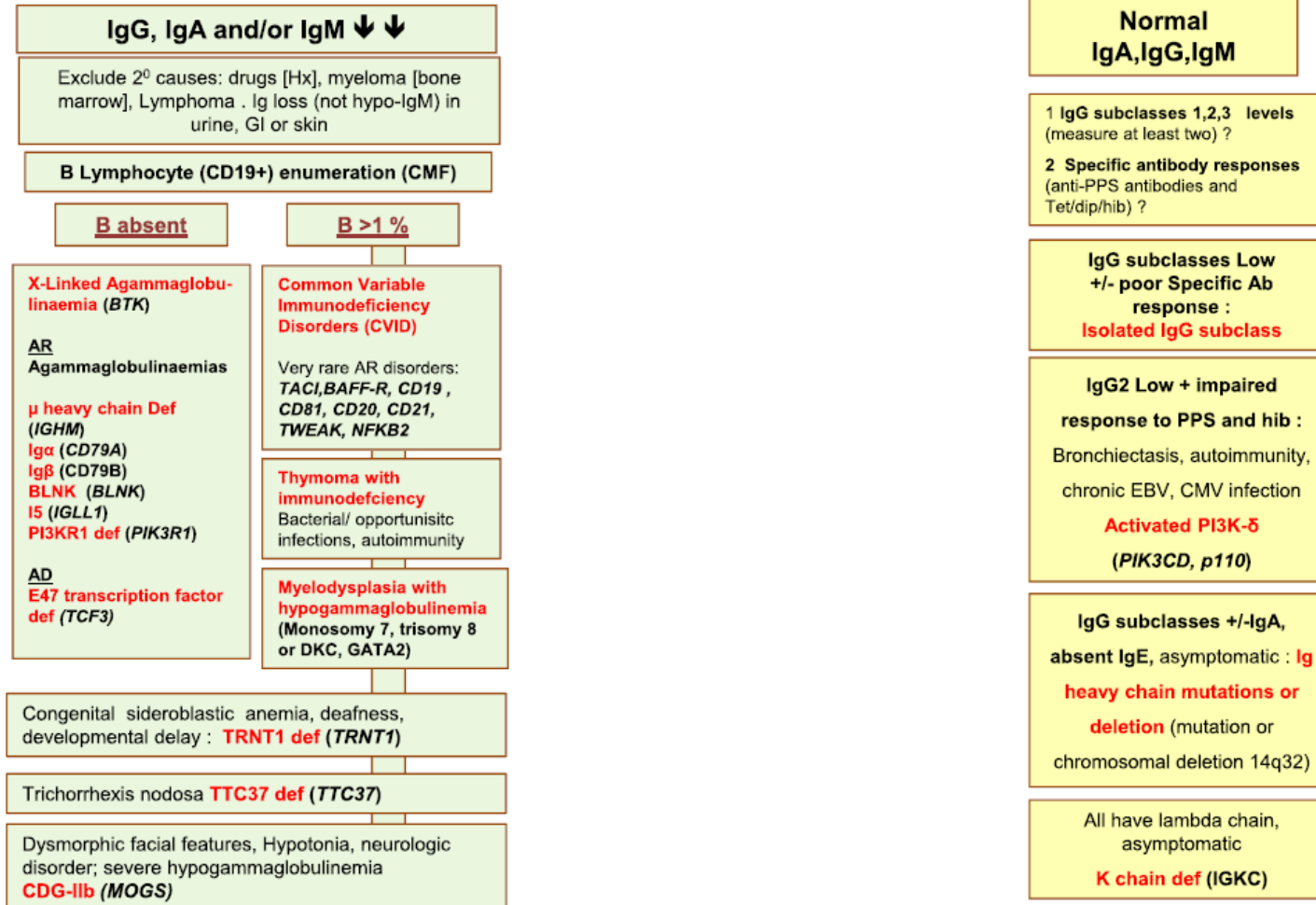
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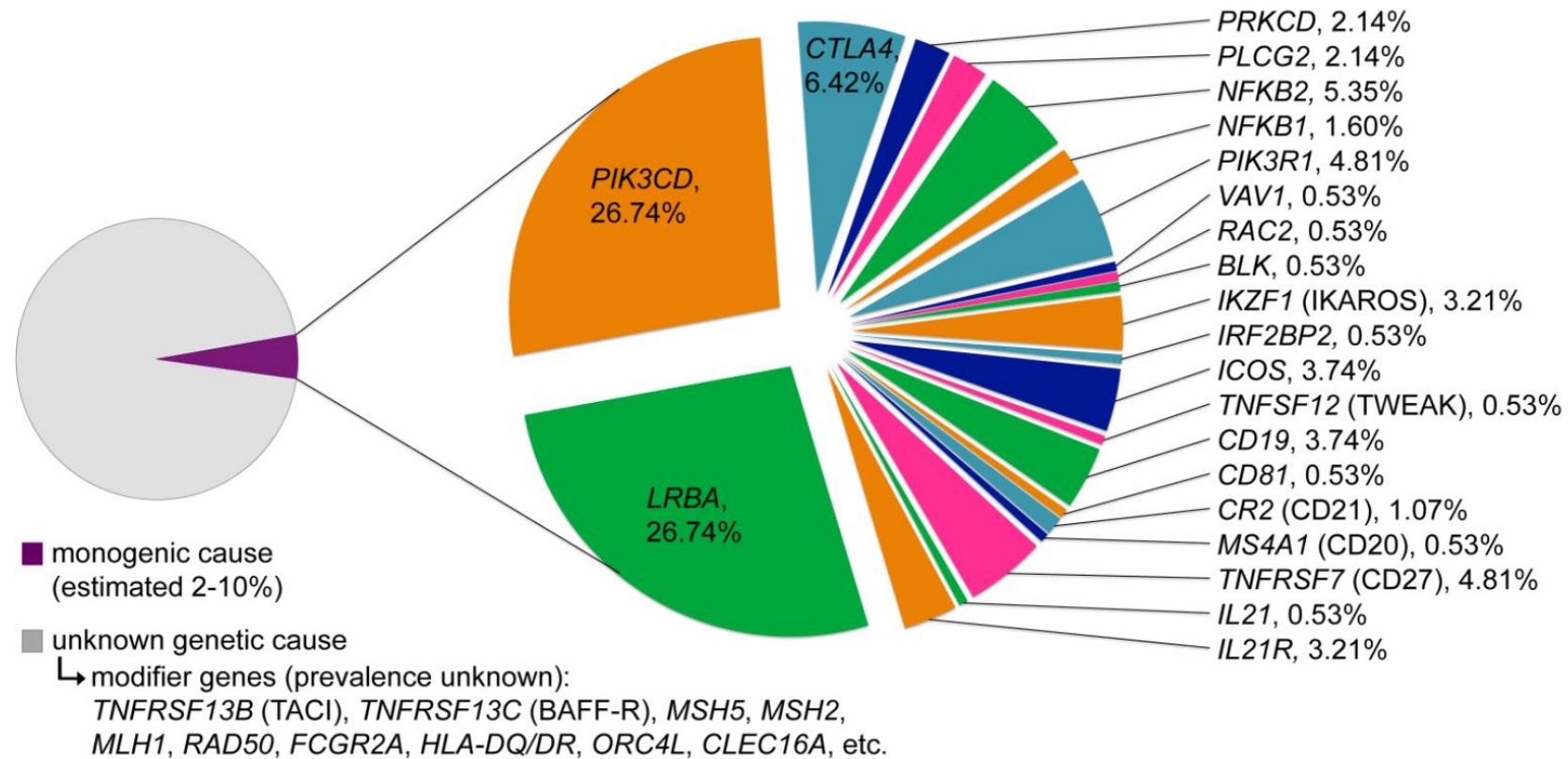
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