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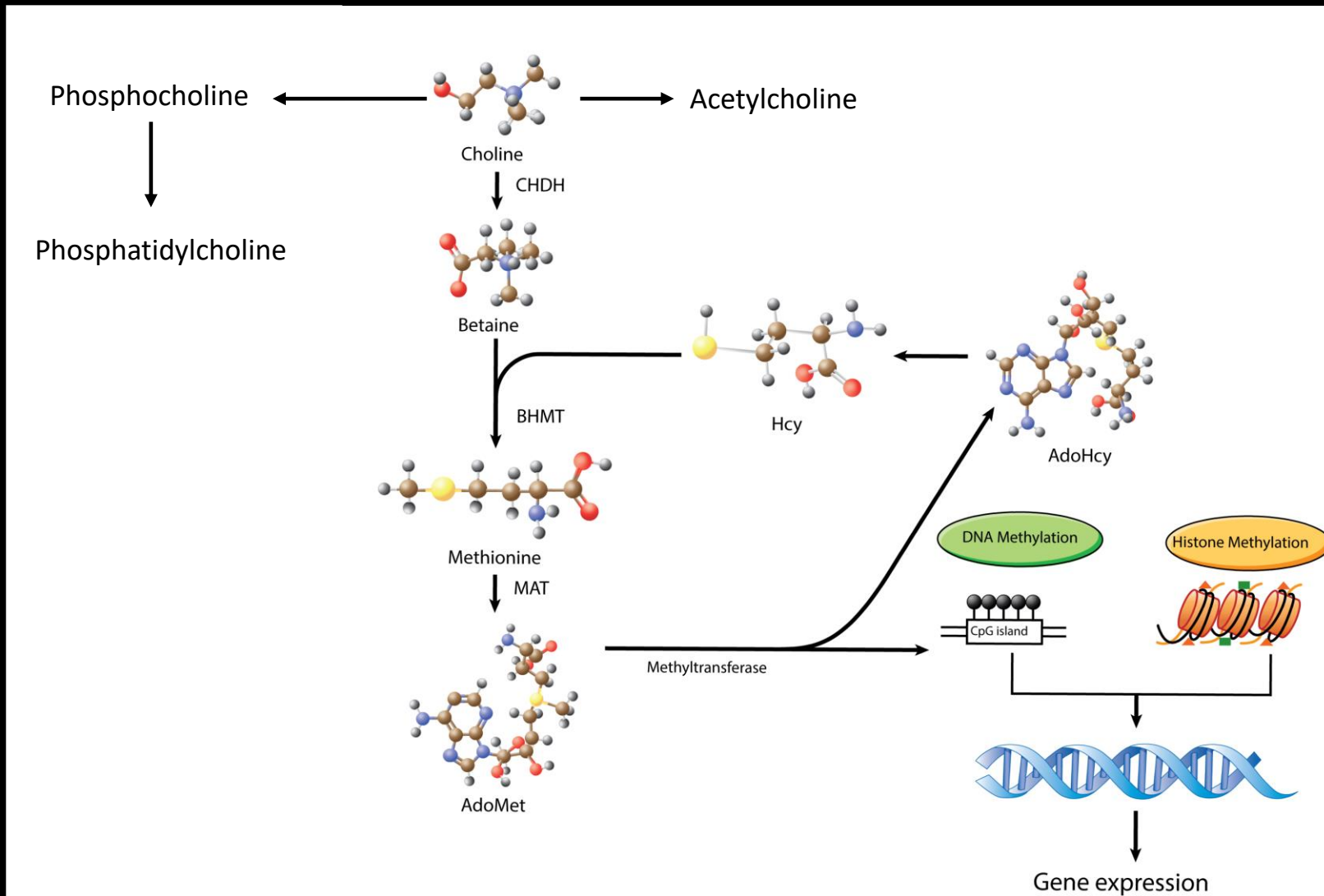
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Factors affecting Early Neurologic Development in Humans and Animal Models

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CHOLINE METABOLISM



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SOURCES OF CHOLINE

DIET



ENDOGENOUS SYNTHESIS

Phosphatidylethanolamine – *N*-methyltransferase
(PEMT)

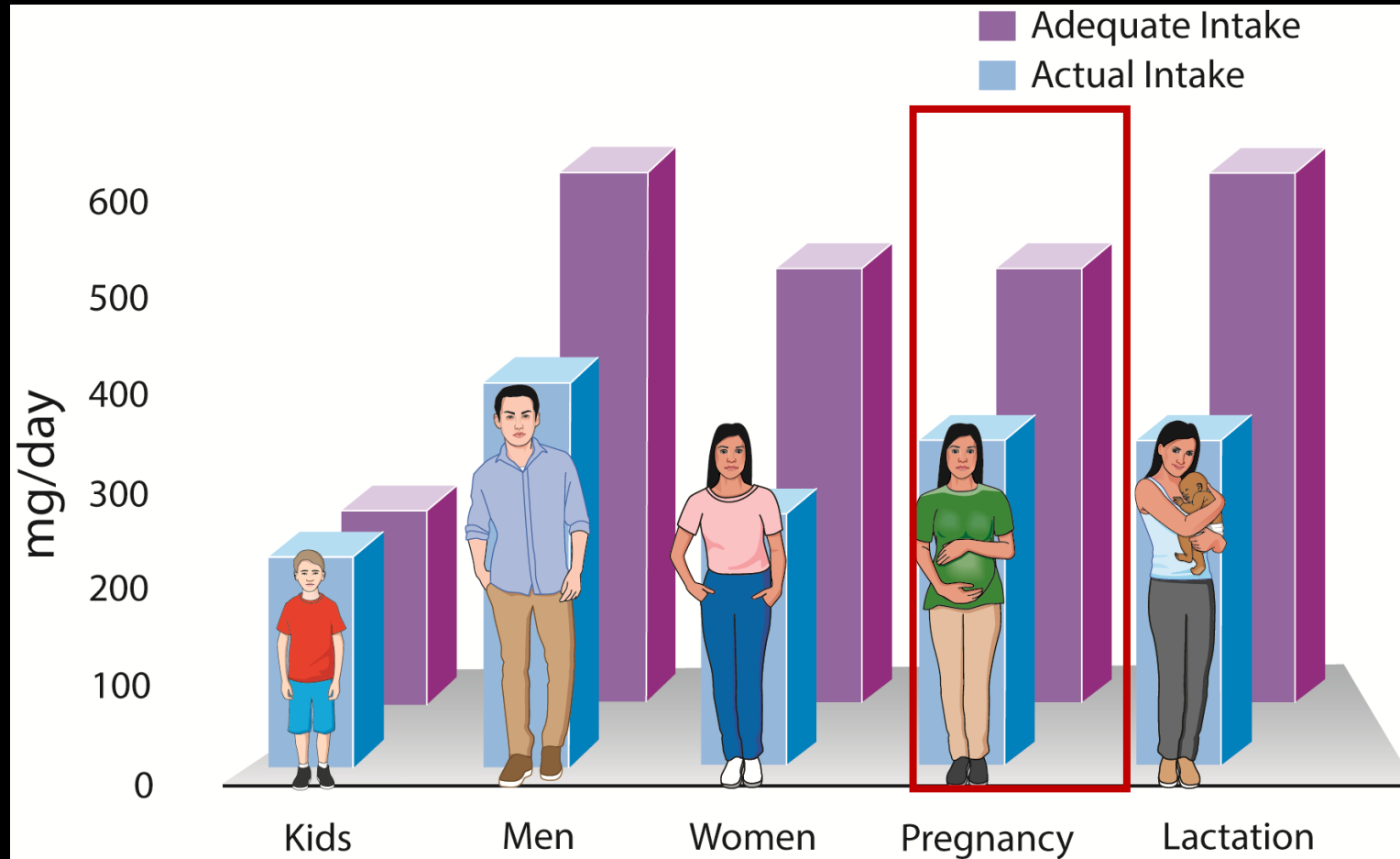


3 *S*-adenosylmethionine +
phosphatidylethanolamine

phosphatidylcholine



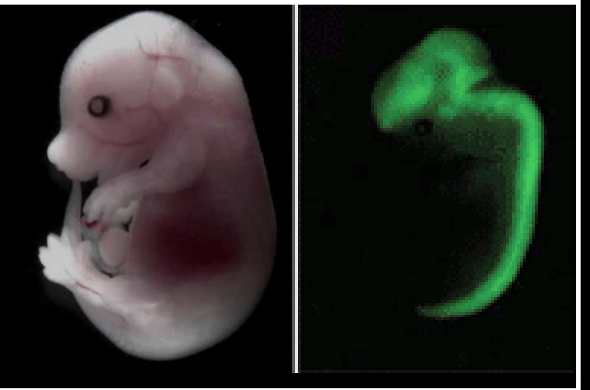
MOST AMERICANS DO NOT ACHIEVE ADEQUATE INTAKE FOR CHOLINE



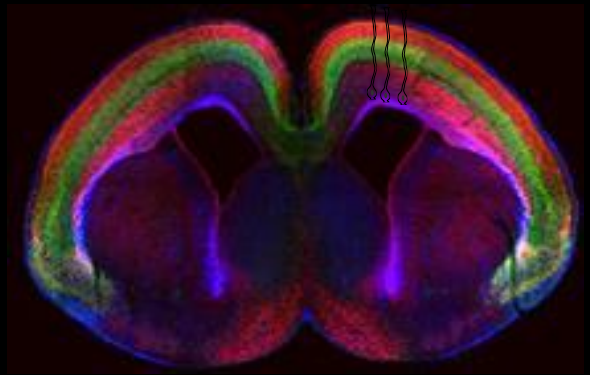
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CHOLINE AND BRAIN DEVELOPMENT

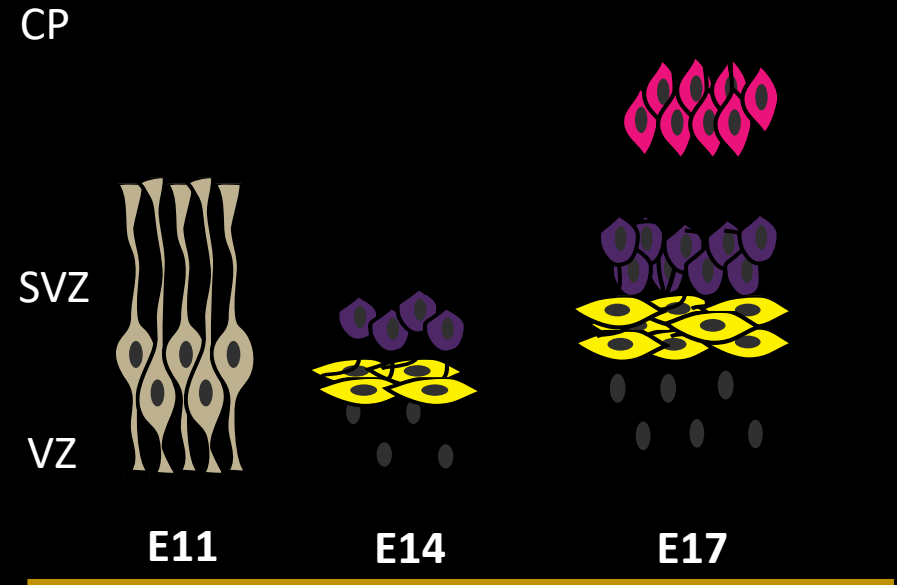
Nestin-CFPnuc transgene



Cerebral Cortex



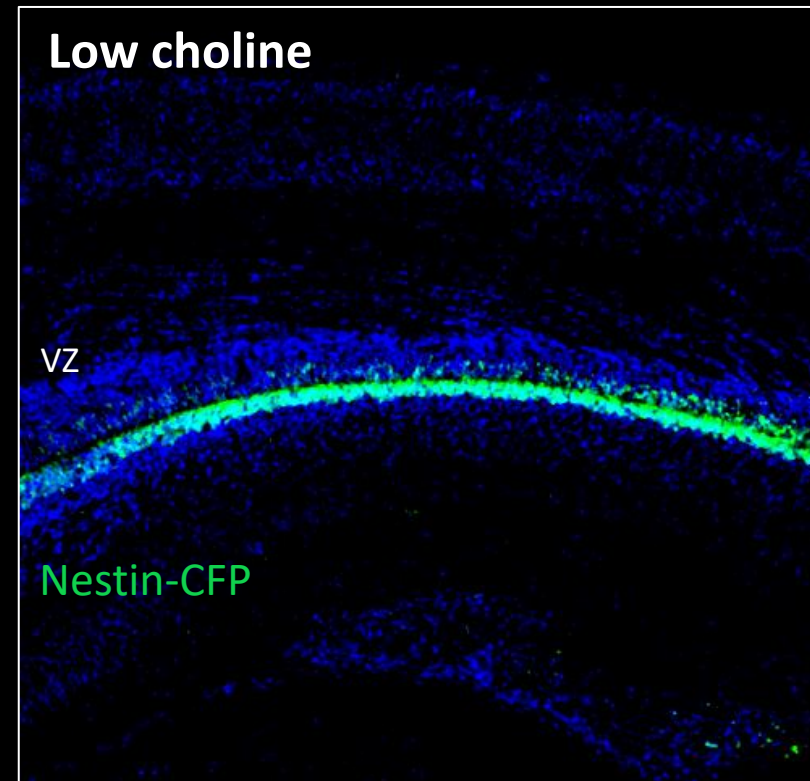
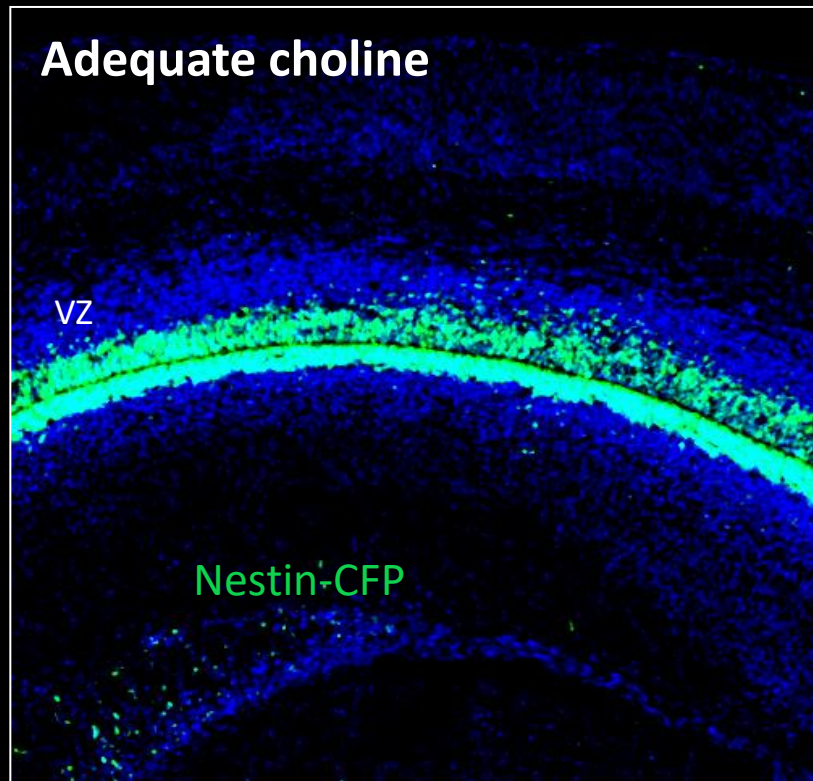
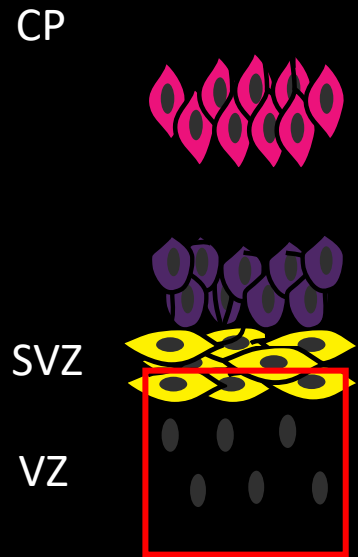
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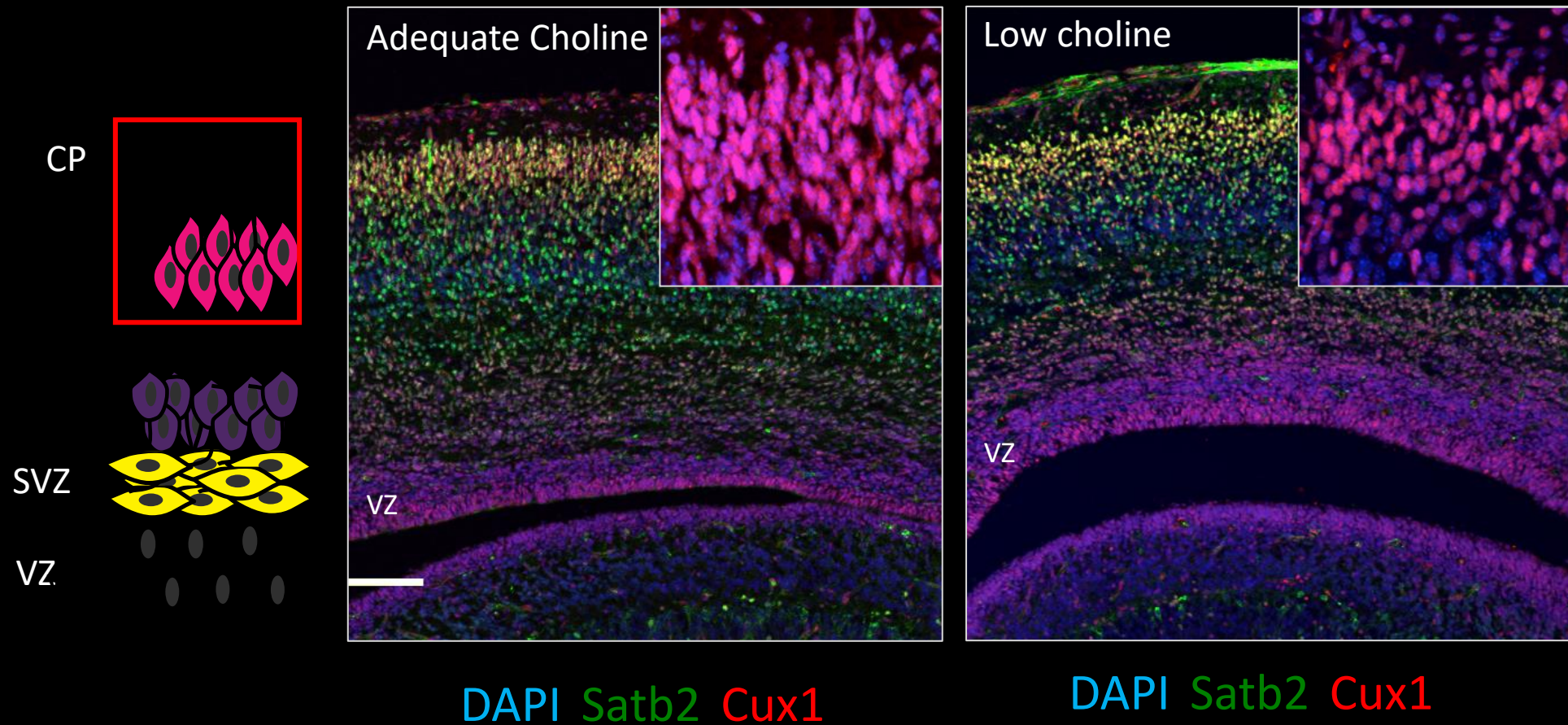
Adequate Choline
Low Choline

NEUROGENESIS

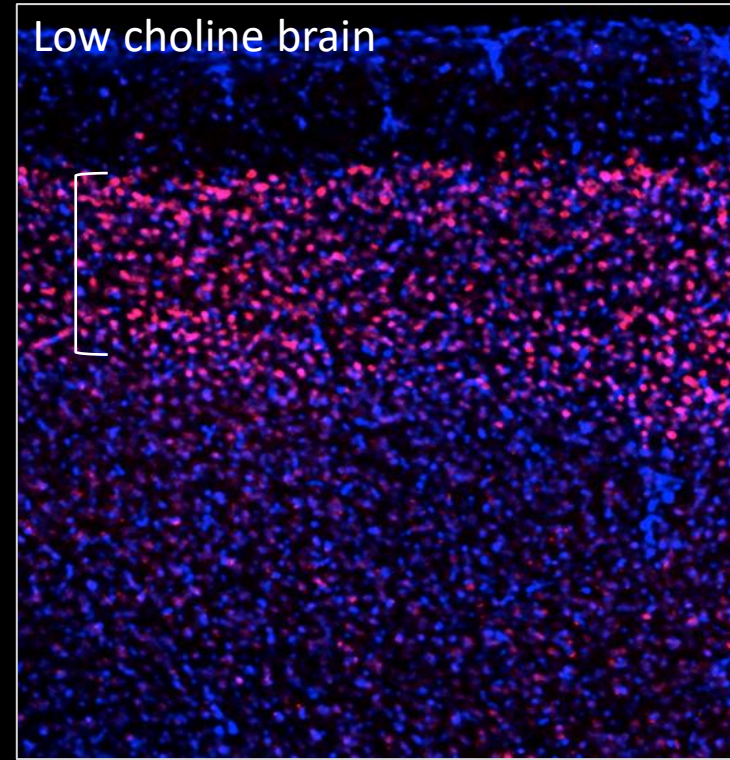
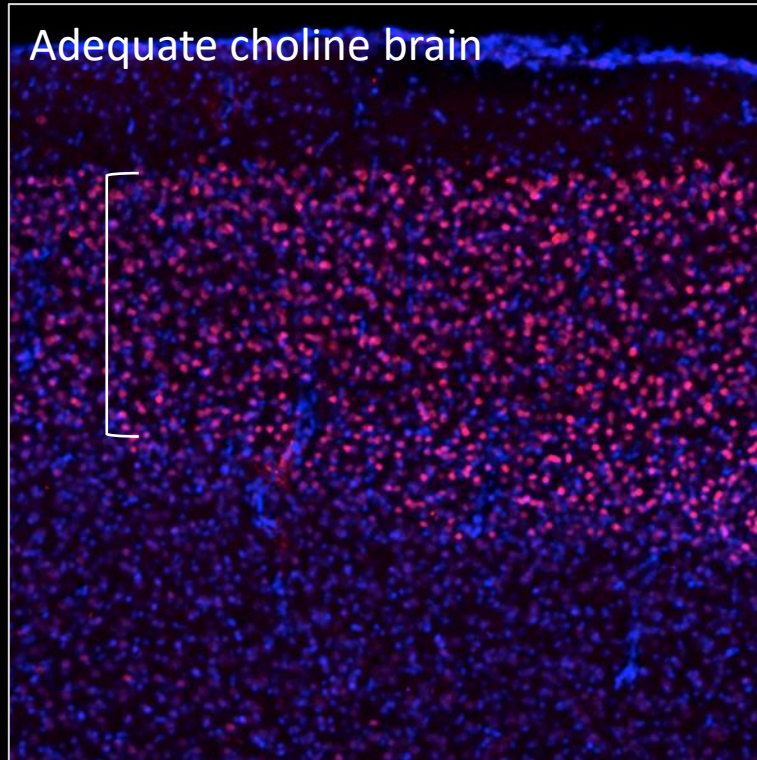
LOW CHOLINE REDUCES THE NUMBER OF NEURAL PROGENITOR CELLS



LOW CHOLINE REDUCES THE GENESIS OF CORTICAL NEURONS



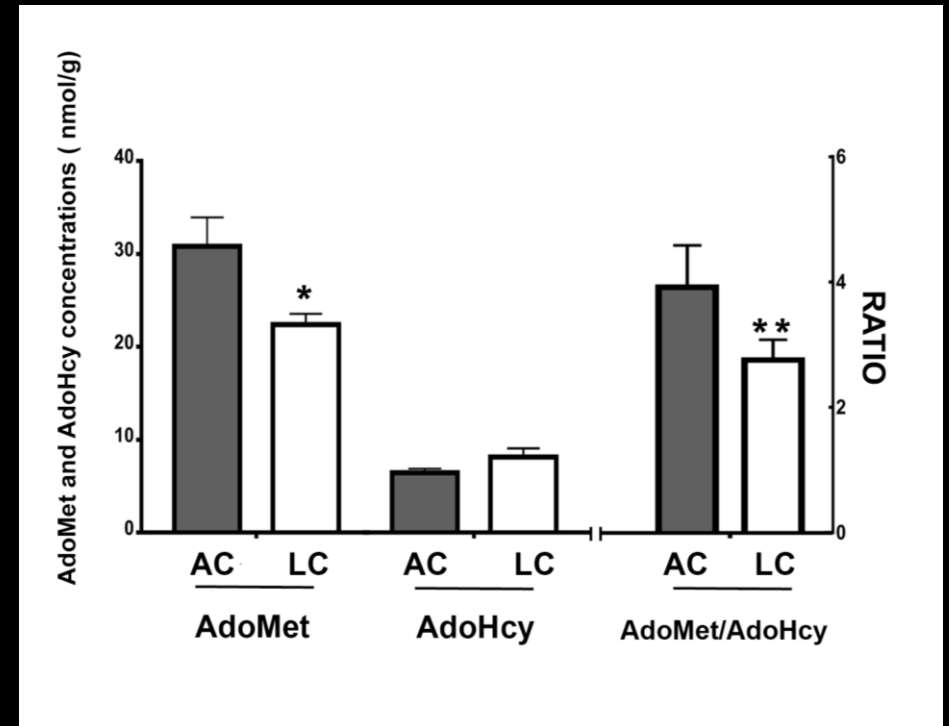
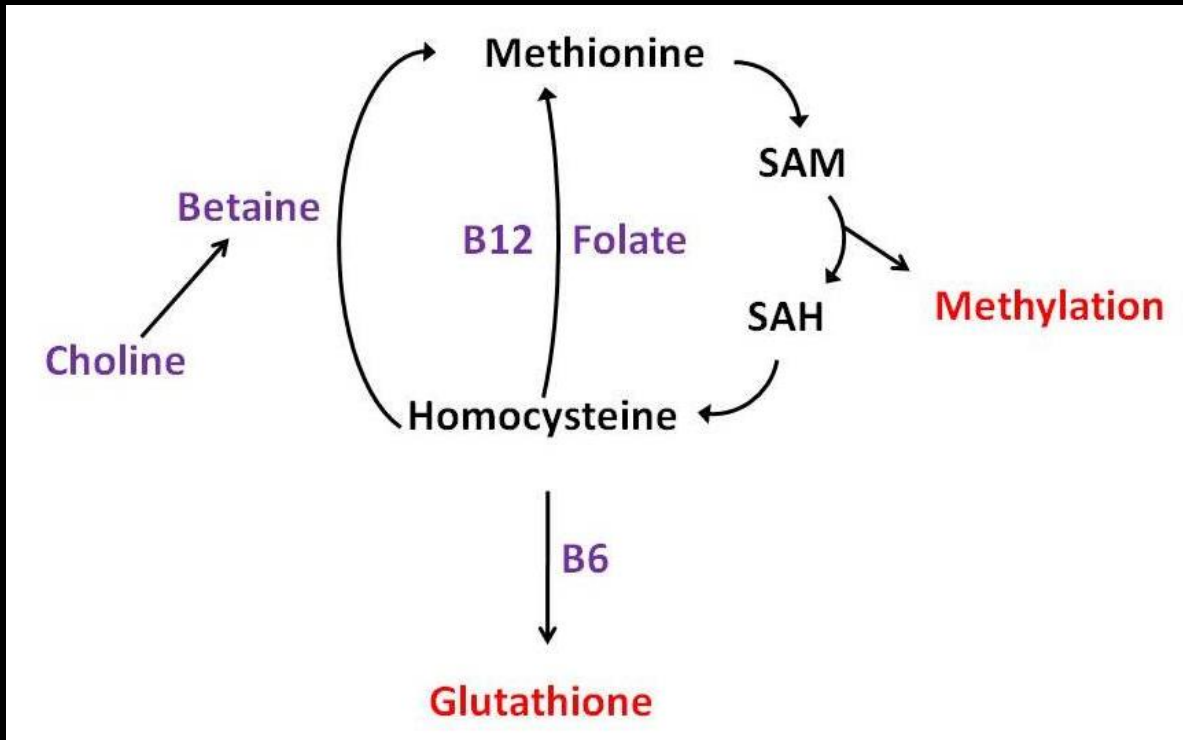
THE DEFECT IN CORTICAL LAYER FORMATION IN PERMANENT



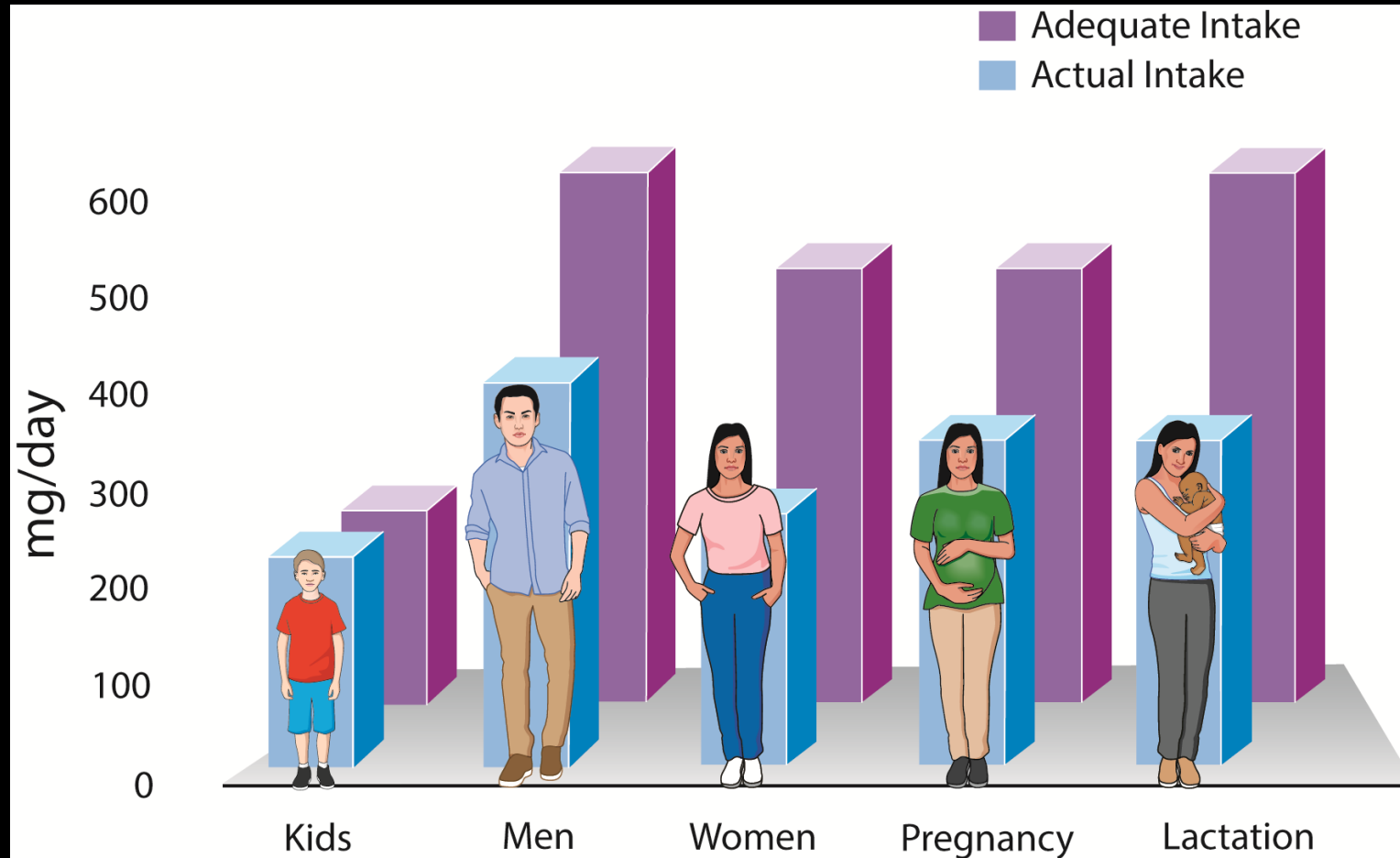
Adult

By what mechanism does choline mediate these effects?

LOW CHOLINE REDUCES METHYLATION POTENTIAL IN NEURAL PROGENITOR CELLS



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CHOLINE INTAKE DURING PREGNANCY IN HUMANS.

Original Contribution

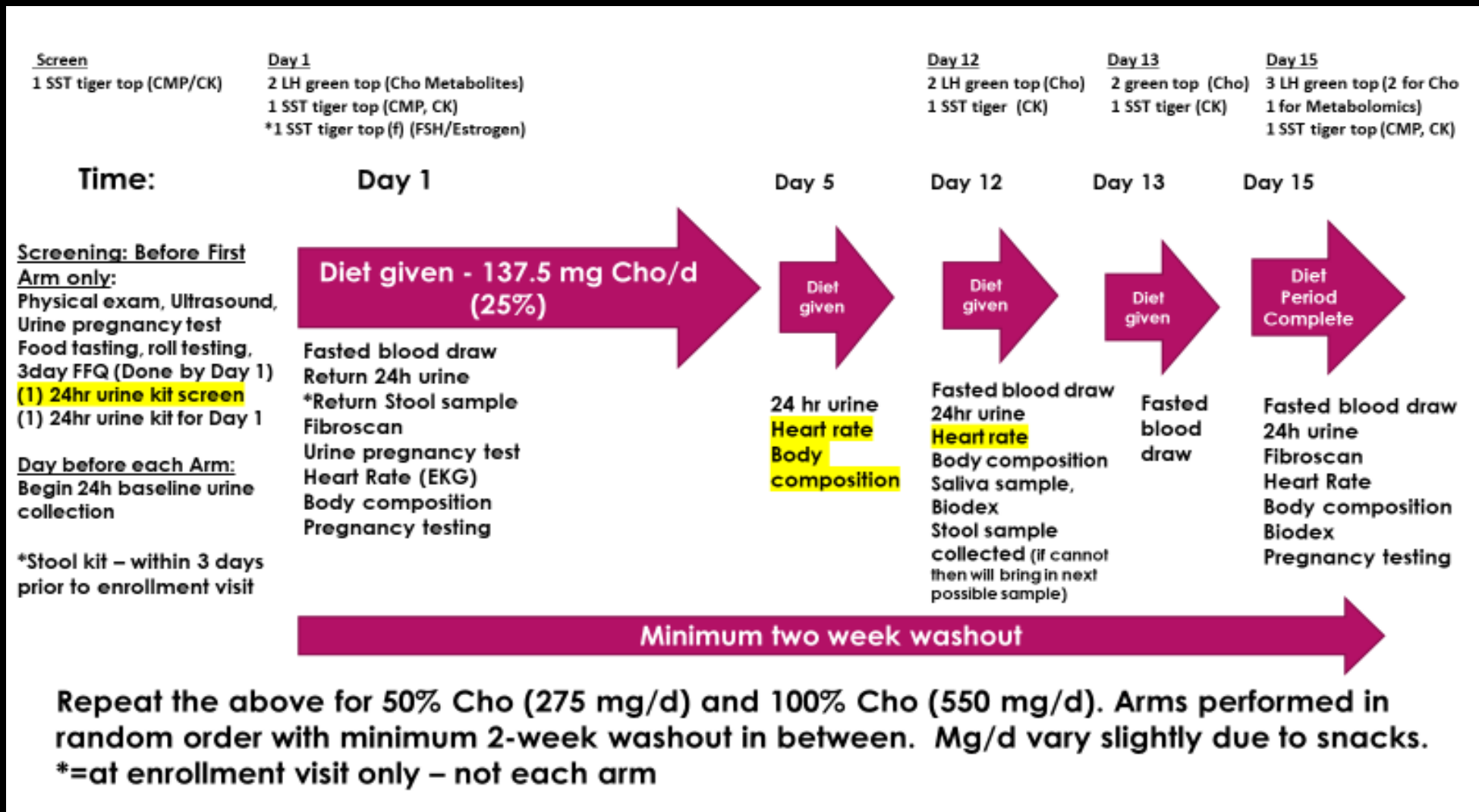
Choline Intake During Pregnancy and Child Cognition at Age 7 Years

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How do know if I am having enough choline?

CHOLINE BIOMARKER STUDY



FUTURE DIRECTIONS



- Predisposition to neurodevelopmental disorders.
- Onset and progression of neurodegenerative disorders.

High maternal choline consumption during pregnancy and nursing alleviates deficits in social interaction and improves anxiety-like behaviors in the BTBR T + Itpr3tf/J mouse model of autism

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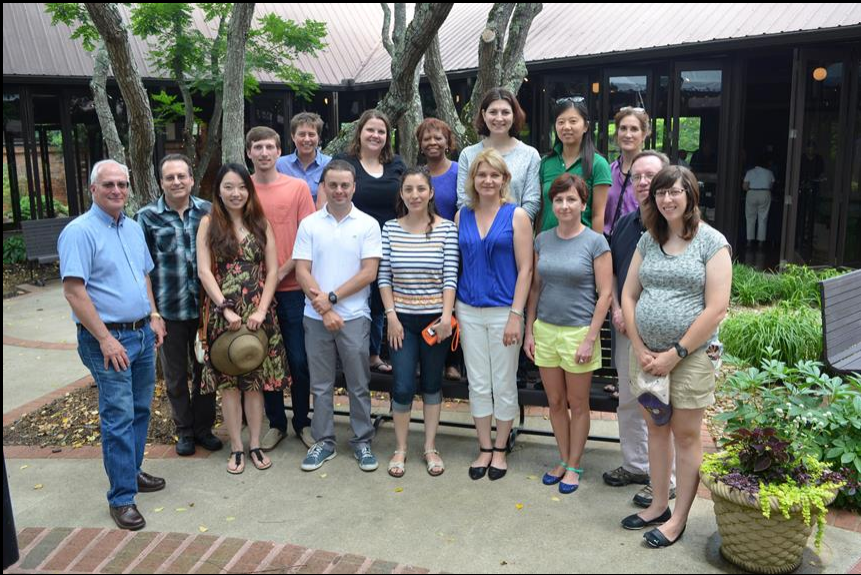
Research Article

Choline Supplementation Ameliorates Behavioral Deficits and Alzheimer's Disease-Like Pathology in Transgenic *APP/PS1* Mice

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