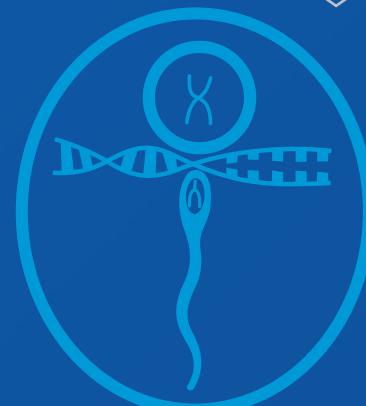


Implication polymorphismes gène MTHFR dans les fausses couches à répétition

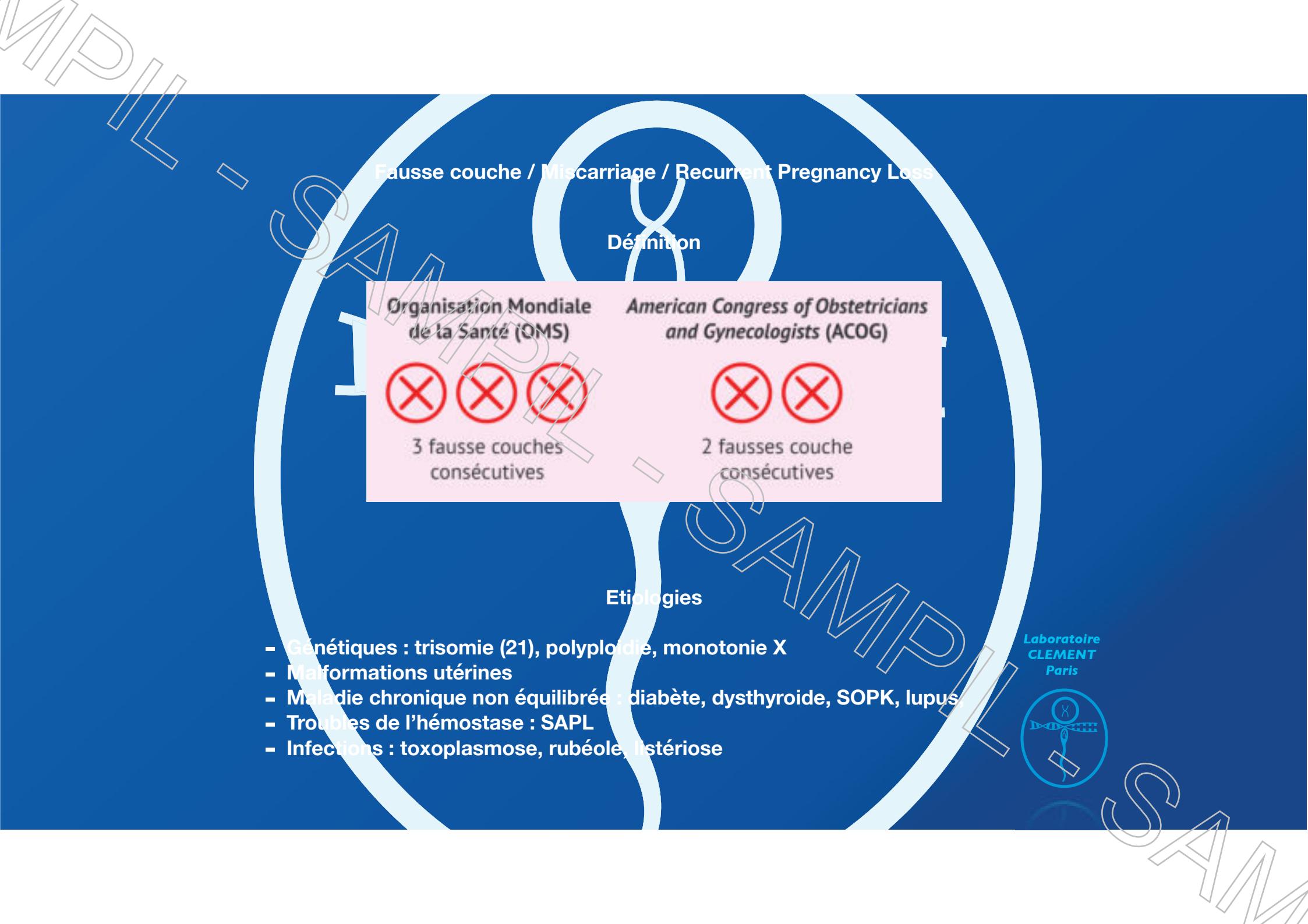
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Pas de conflit d'intérêt à signaler



MTHFR et Fausses couches

Jeddi-Tehrani et al., 2011

Iran

5 polymorphismes génétiques

Association de MTHFR (C677T et A1298C) avec FC

Torabi et al., 2012

2 groupes :

- 100 femmes avec minimum 2 FC consécutives

- 100 femmes avec minimum 2 naissances vivantes et aucune FC

Comparaison sur 11 polymorphismes génétiques

Association de MTHFR (A1298C) avec FC

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MTHFR et Fausses couches

Methylenetetrahydrofolate Reductase C677T and A1298C Polymorphisms in Male Partners of Recurrent Miscarriage Couples

Somayeh Sadat Tira¹, Farnoush Ghaemimansh², Saeed Zarei², Fakhreddin Reihani-Sabet³, Zhamak Pahlevanzadeh³, Mohammad Hossein Modarresi⁴, Mahmood Jedd-Tehrani^{2*}

Tara et al., 2015

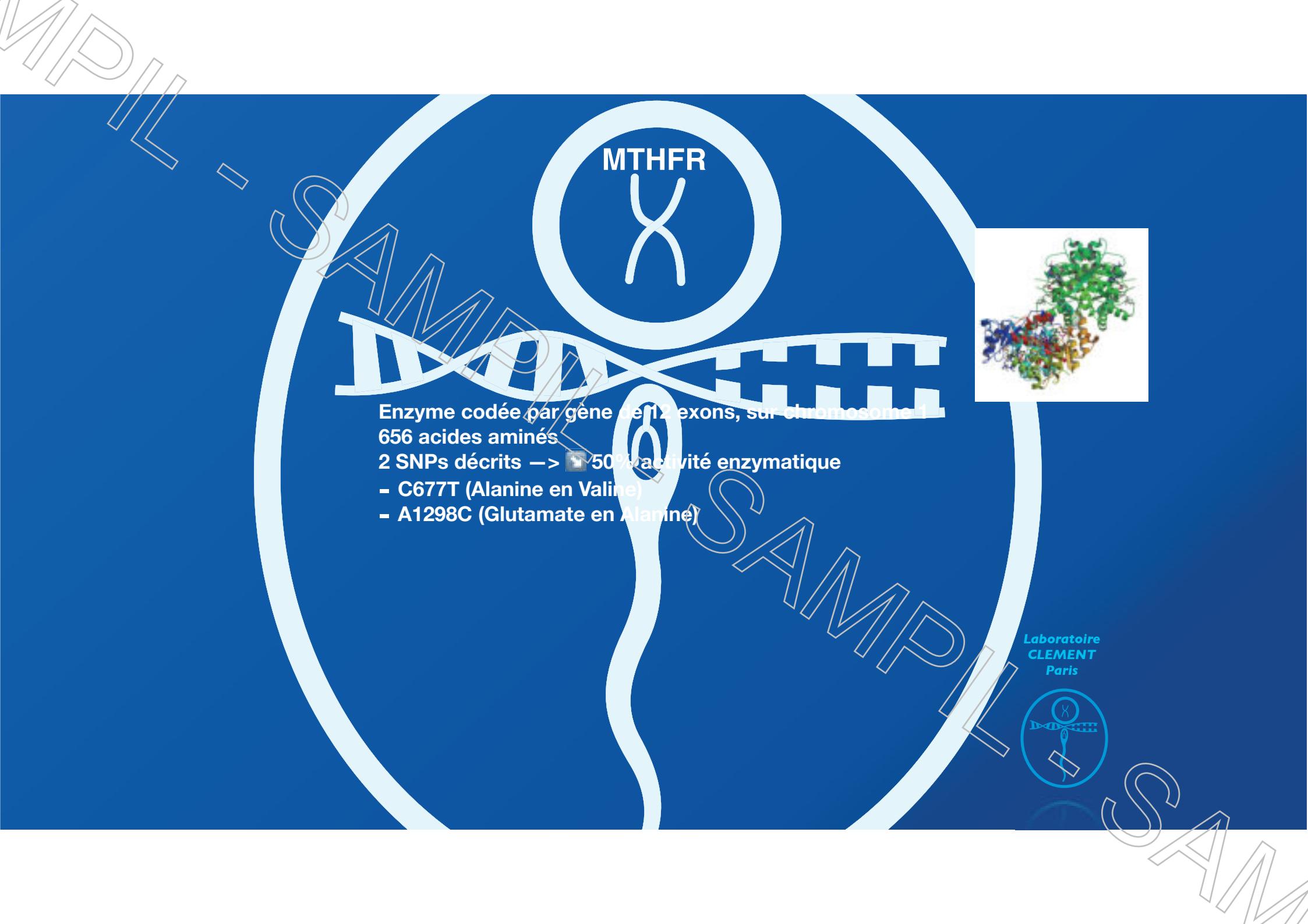
2 groupes :

- 100 couples avec minimum 2 naissances vivantes sans complications obstétricales
- 225 couples avec min 3 FC successives ayant comme critères d'exclusion : femmes avec
 - 1 des 2 mutations à l'état hétérozygote
 - Polymorphisme sauvage

Analyse MTHFR chez femmes et leurs conjoints

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MTHFR

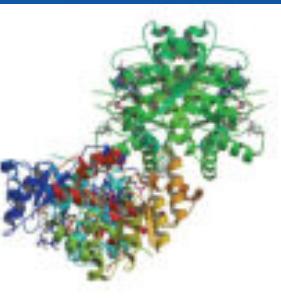


Enzyme codée par gène de 12 exons, sur chromosome 1

656 acides aminés

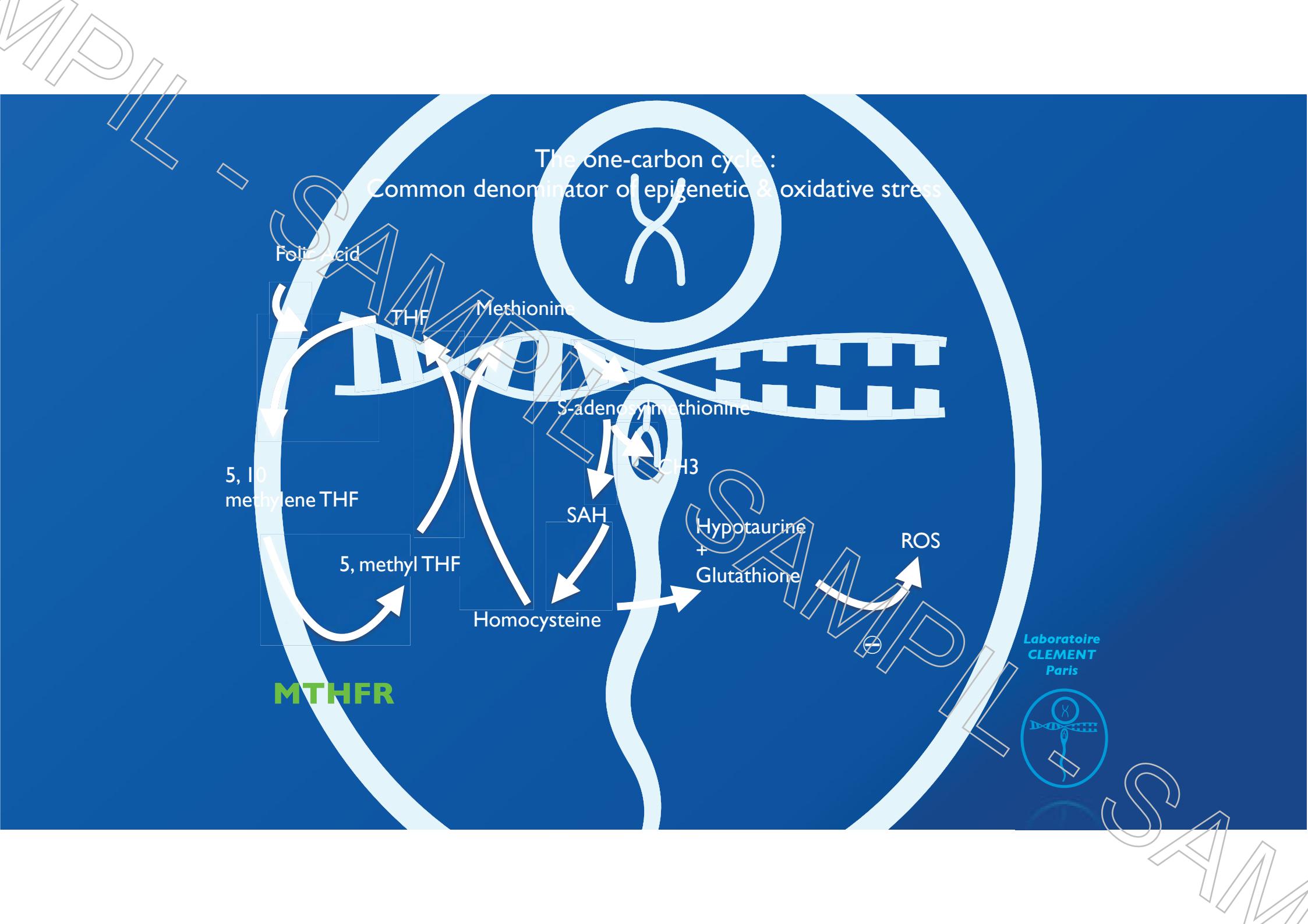
2 SNPs décrits → 50% activité enzymatique

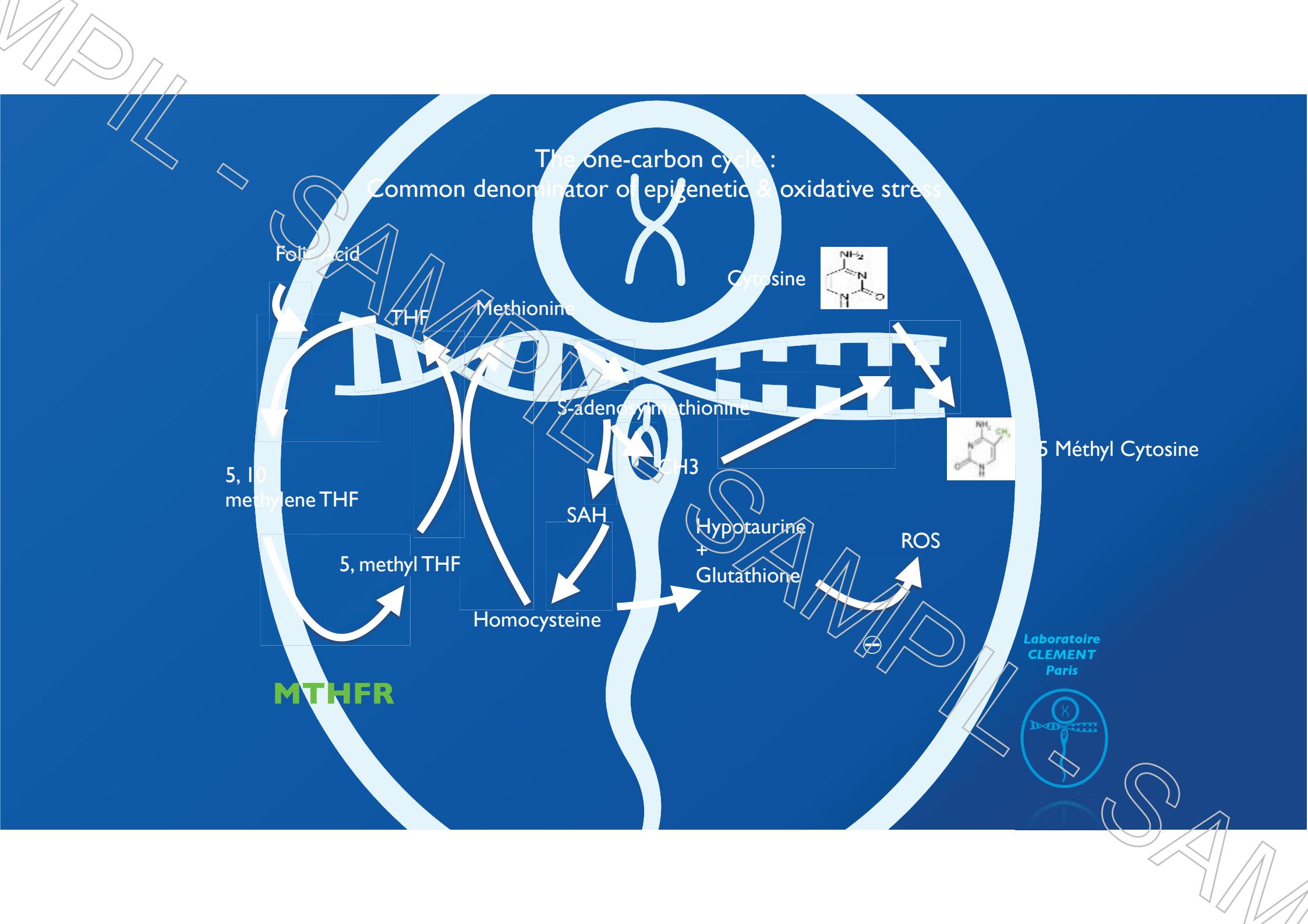
- C677T (Alanine en Valine)
- A1298C (Glutamate en Alanine)

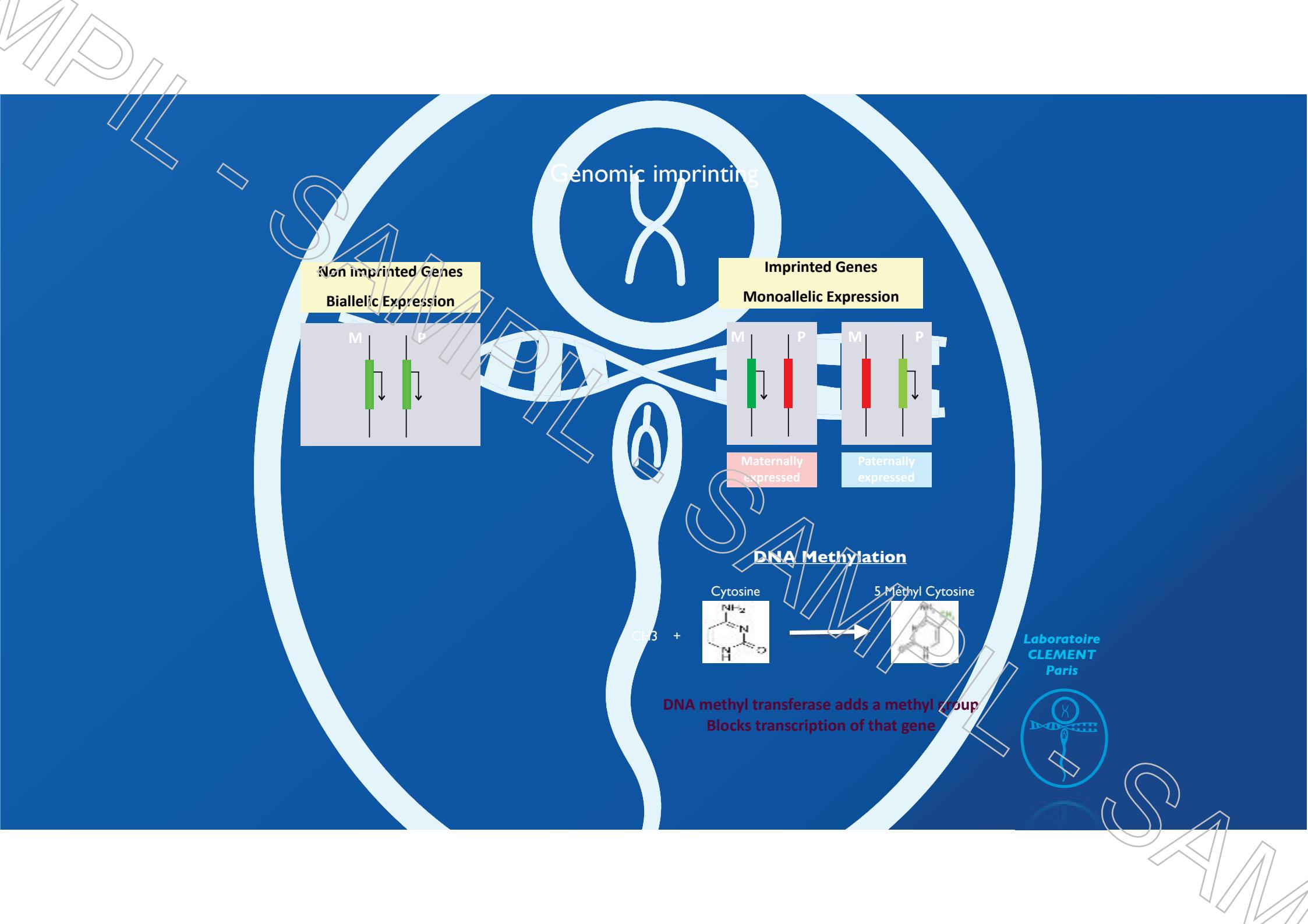


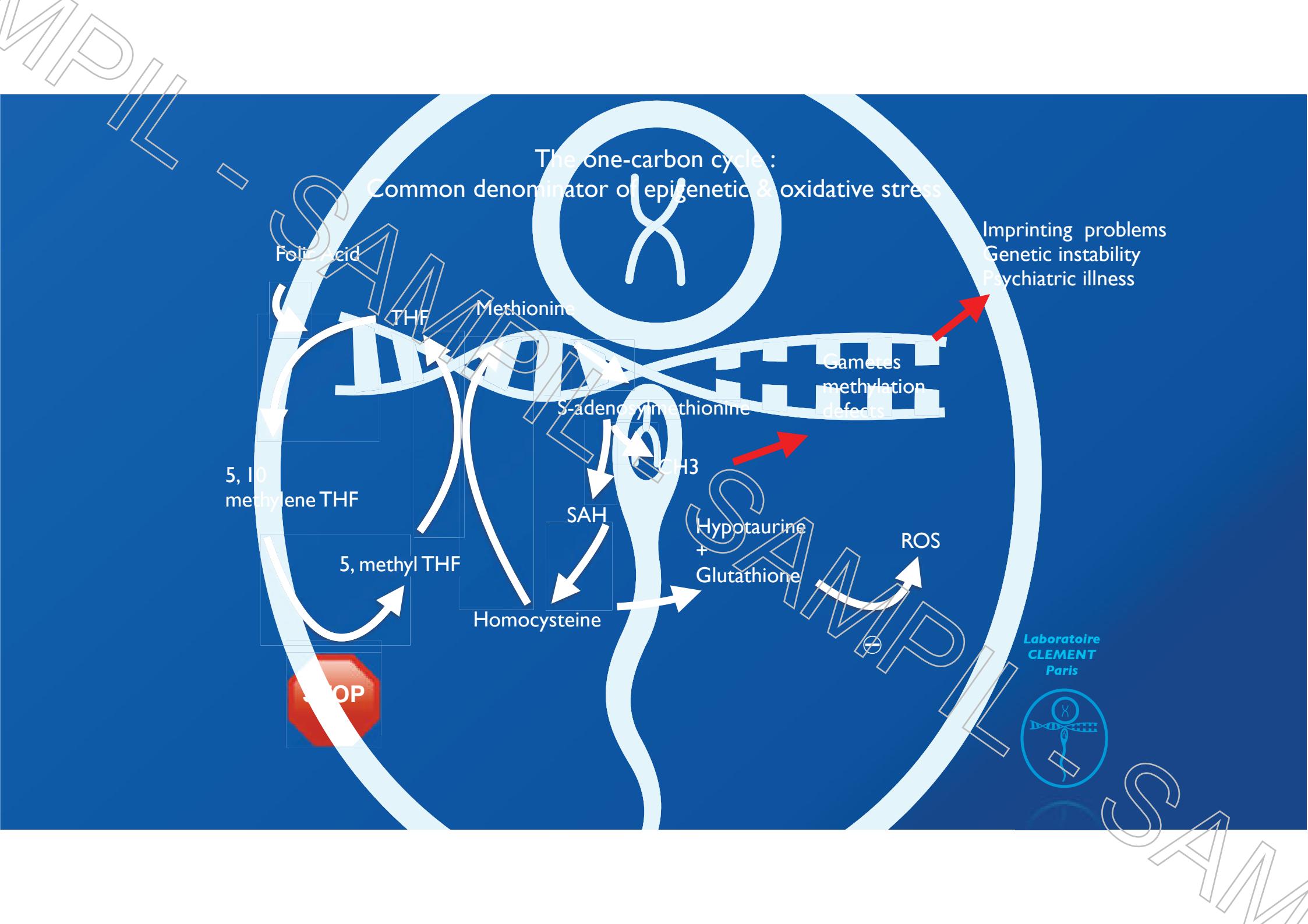
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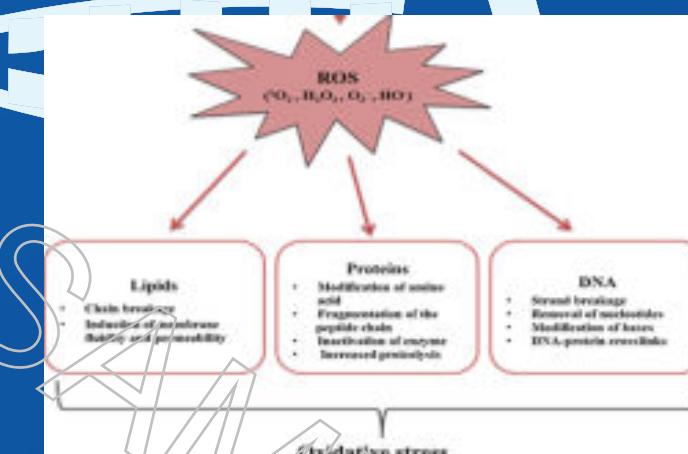


Oxidative Stress (OS)

Reactive Oxygen Species (ROS): natural byproduct of aerobic metabolism

- important role in cellular signaling and homeostasis
- highly reactive free radicals – can cause oxidative damage to DNA & other molecules

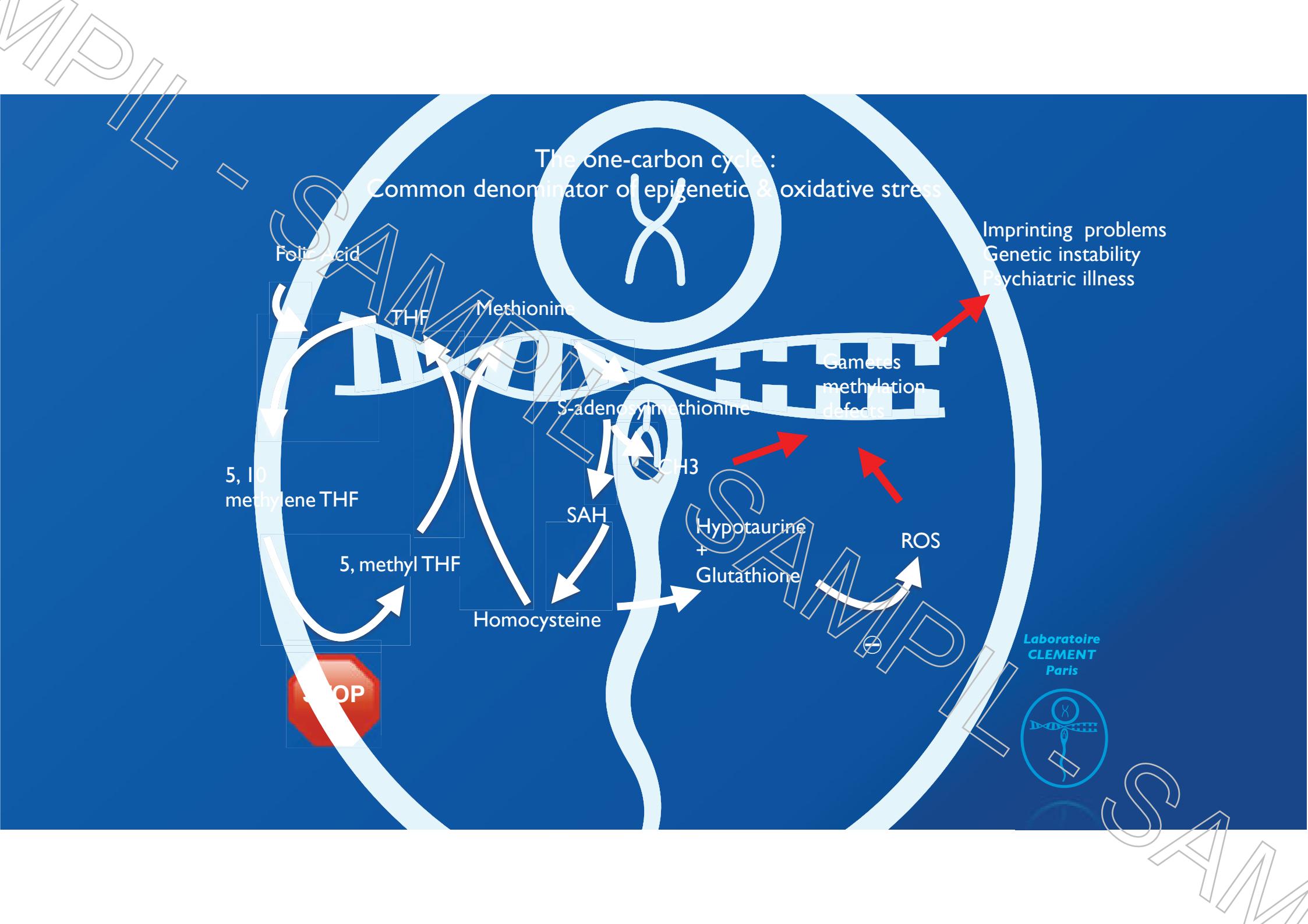
1. Antioxidant defense mechanisms provide protection from ROS : an imbalance between ROS and antioxidant defense mechanisms creates OS
2. OS is linked to errors in methylation: 'two sides of the same coin' (Ménézo et al., 2016)
 - Strong correlation between oxidative stress and DNA methylation, via an influence on the 1-CC
 - Guanine is highly sensitive to oxidation: 8-oxoG
 - Significant effect on CpG islands (and telomeres)
3. OS disturbs important zones of gene expression/regulation linked to epigenetic homeostasis

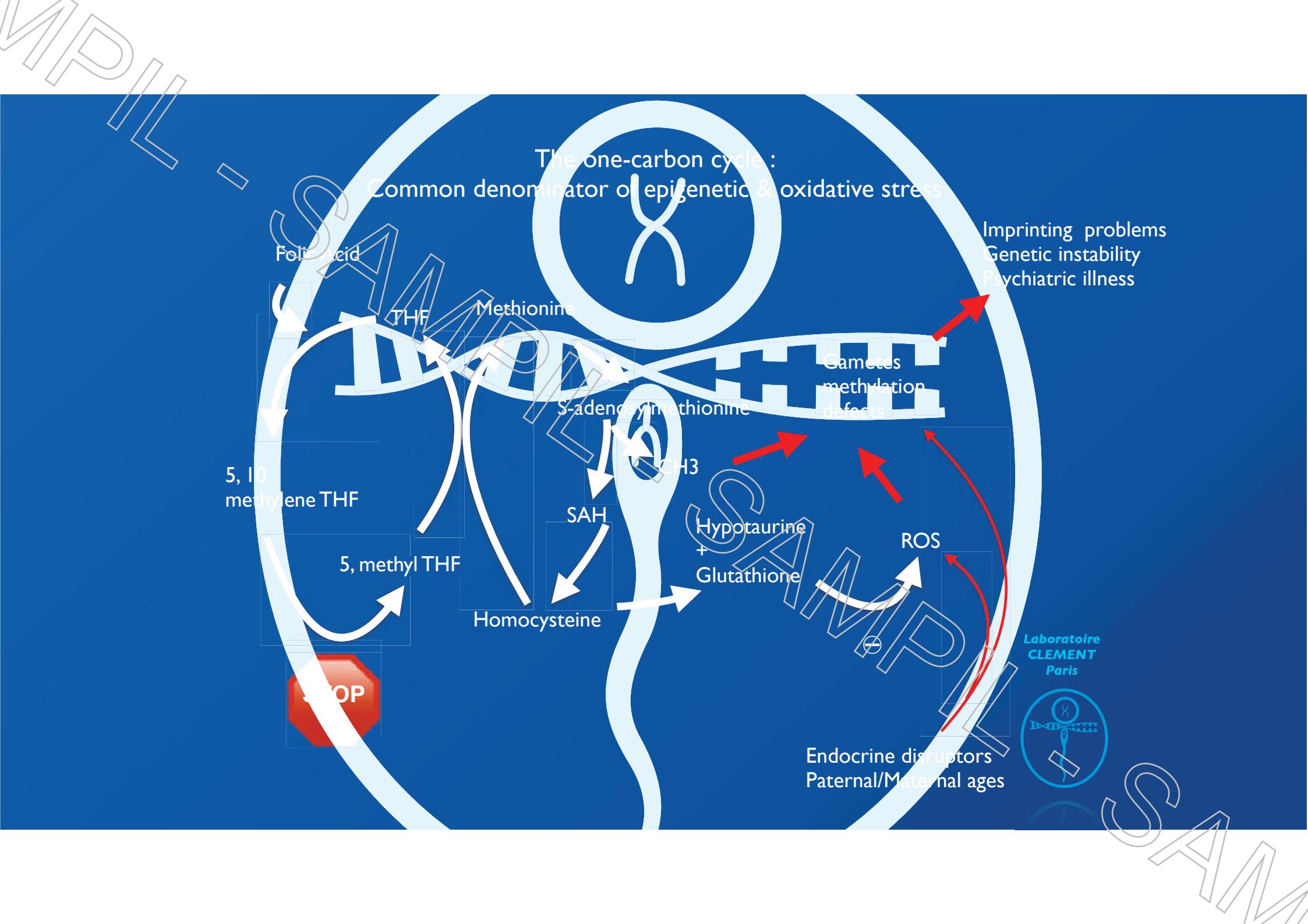


Environmental endocrine disruptor chemicals (EDCs) exacerbate OS
Xenobiotics: mimic natural hormones and occupy hormone receptors
Negative effects on methylation processes, transgenerational effect

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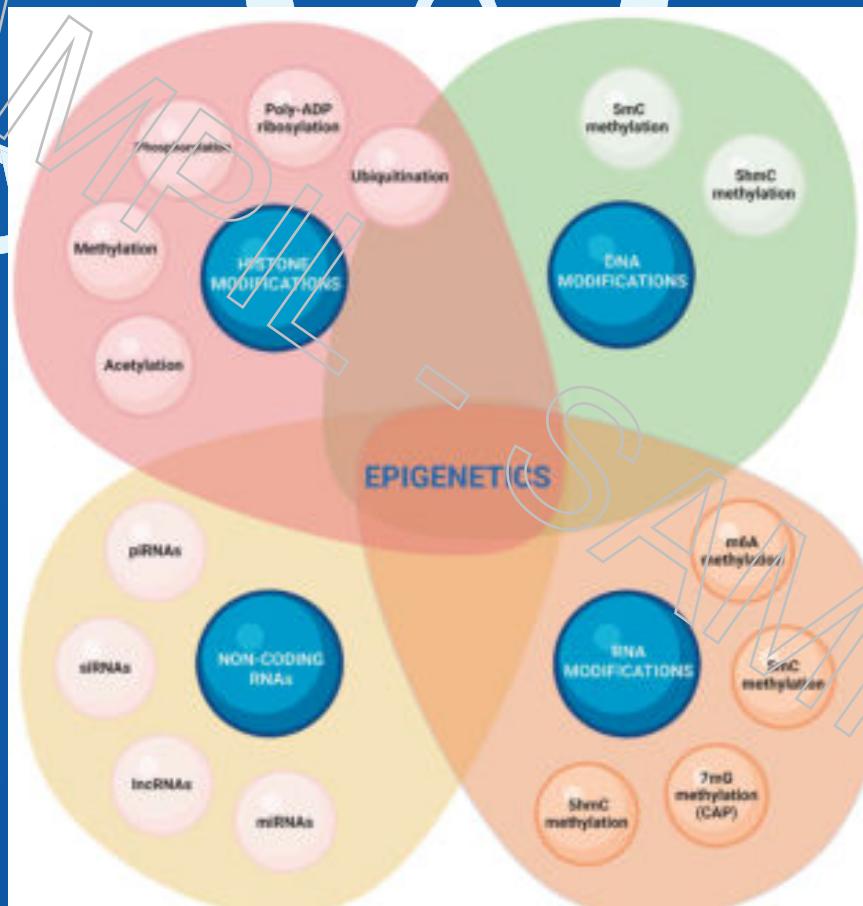






Epigénétique et développement embryonnaire précoce

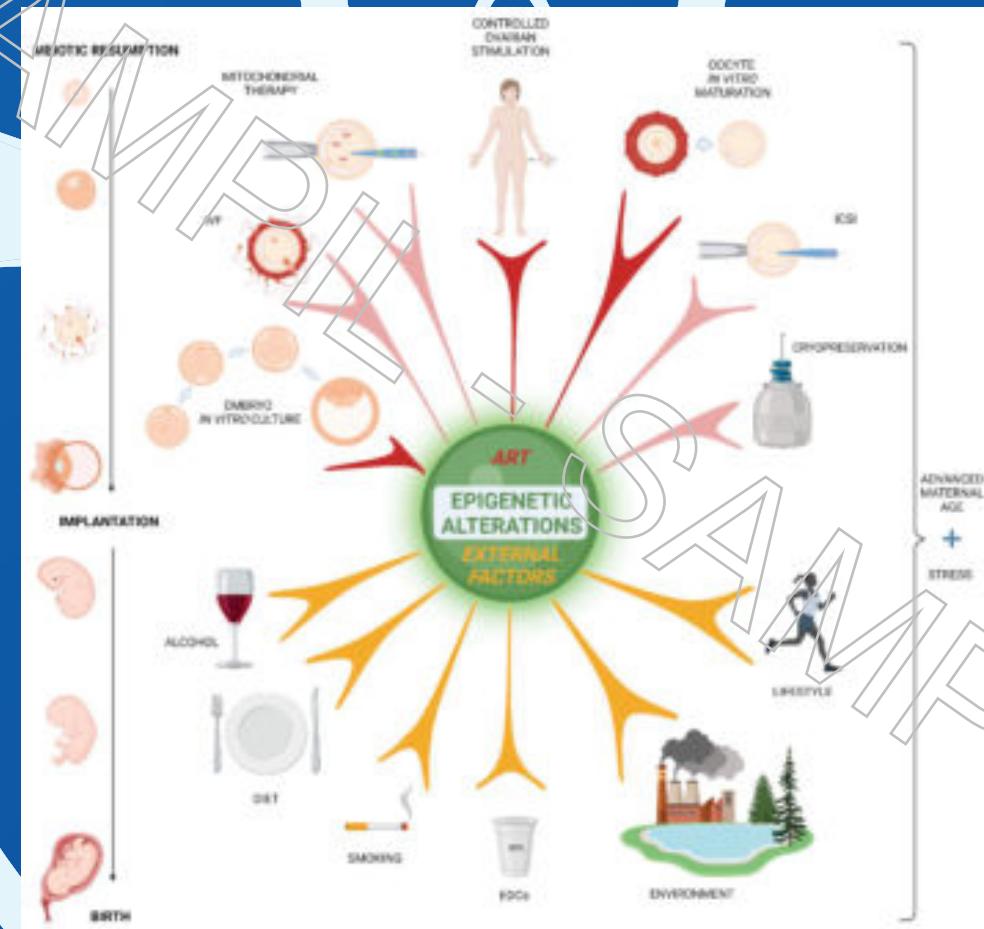
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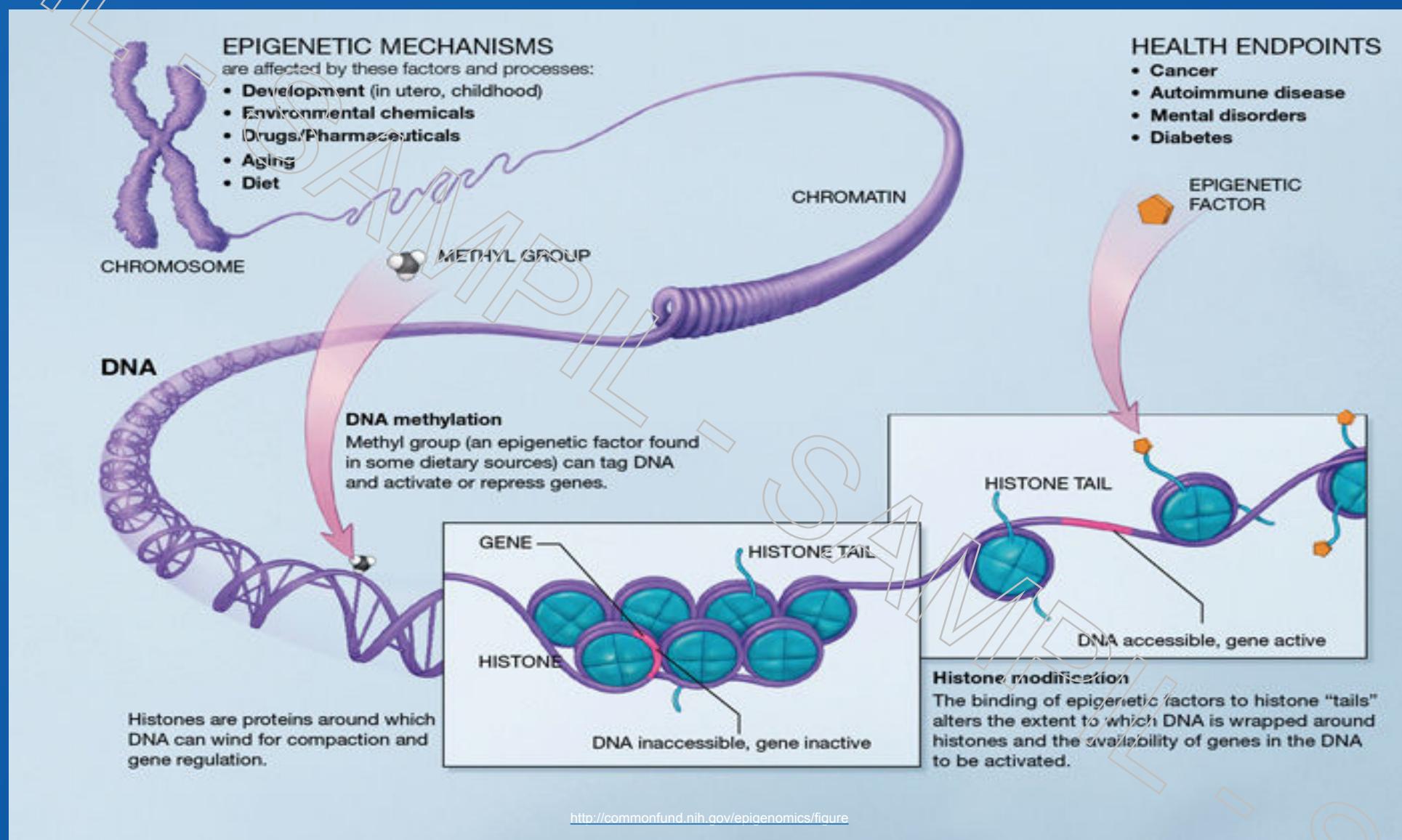


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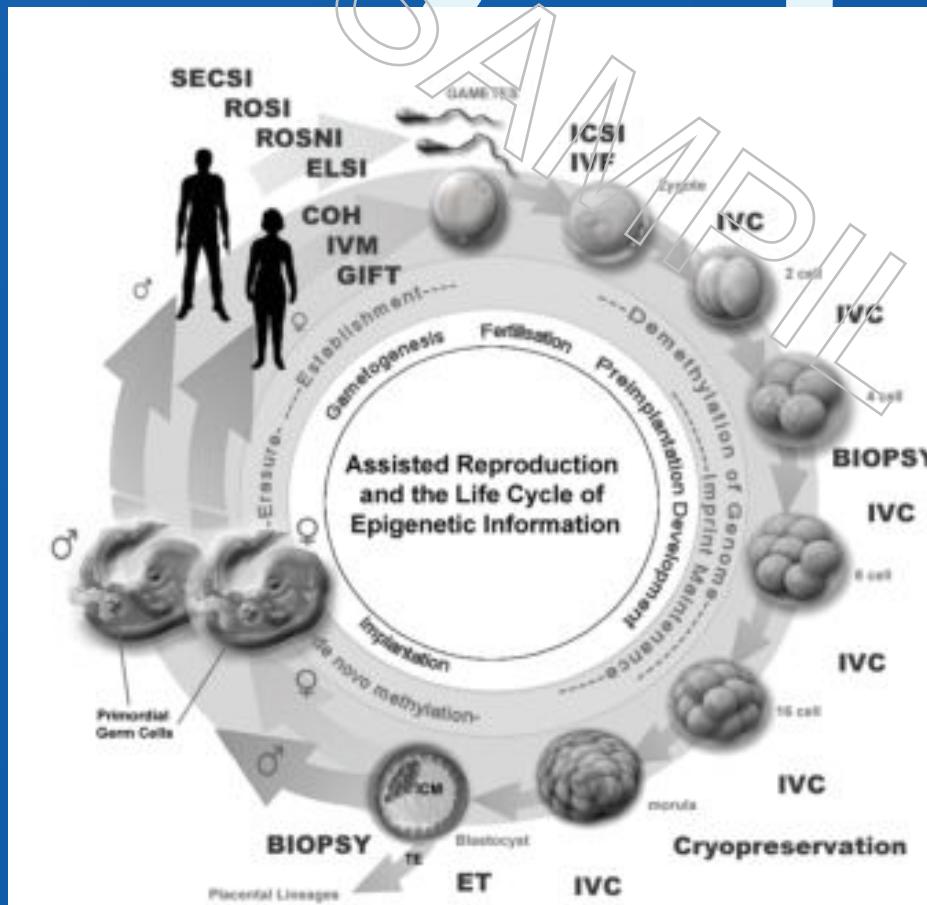


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Imprinting evolution during the cycle of life



adapted from: *Nature Reviews Genetics* 2(1) 21-32 (January 2001)

1. During fetal development, DNA methylation patterns are erased in extraembryonic germ cells (PGCs)

• Imprints established during oocyte maturation or after fertilization

- ✓ Specific DNA/histone methylation occurs at fertilization
- ✓ Maternal genes: maternal imprinting marks are acquired during oocyte growth
- ✓ Paternal genes: paternal pronucleus undergoes extensive epigenetic reprogramming in zygotes

4. Global demethylation takes place during pre-implantation development: Post MZT

- Silenced (imprinted) alleles must be recognized and protected so that the imprinted mark can be propagated and the correct allele expressed
- *de novo* methylation as differentiation occurs

A dynamic balance between global demethylation and focused methylation must be maintained during gametogenesis and development

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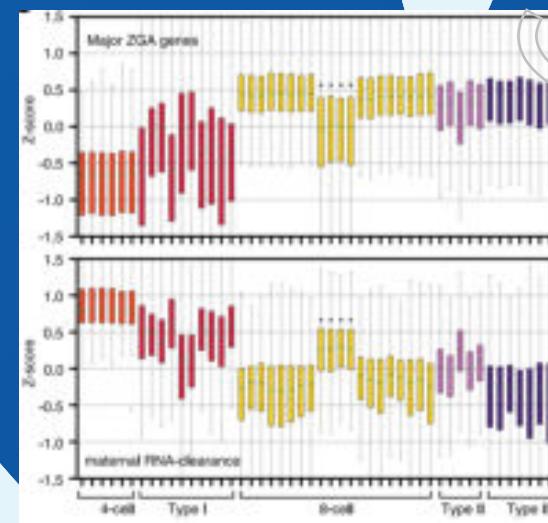
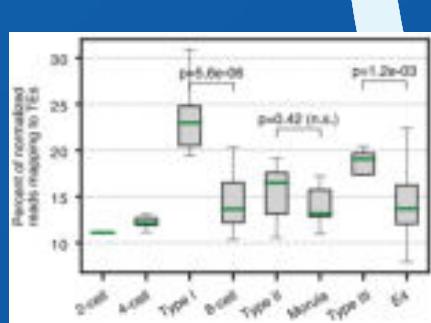
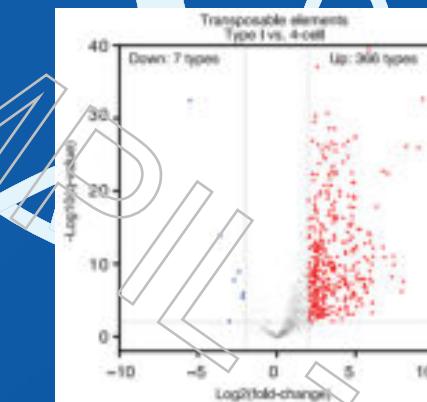
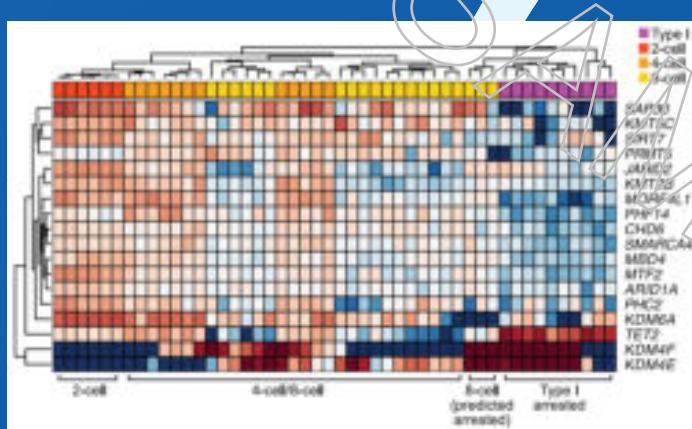
développement embryonnaire précoce (Dvoran et al. 2022)

Stressor	Species	Genes Affected	Main Findings	Reference
Presence of reactive oxygen species	human	NE	Sperm originated changes to epigenetic regulation of human embryo development	[178]
Culture under 20% of oxygen	bovine	CAT, GDOX2, HSP90AA1, KEAP1, NFR2, PRDX1, PRDX3, SOD1, TXN, TXNRD1, H2AFZ, H3F3B	Increase of transcript of genes associated with epigenetic remodelling, oxidative stress and cellular stress response in blastocysts	[179]
Culture under 20% of oxygen	bovine	DNMT3A	Elevated DNMT3A expression and increase of global DNA methylation in 4-cell embryos and blastocysts	[180]
Oxidative stress (palmitic acid)	bovine	PRDX3, HADHB, UQCRCB, CYCS	Upregulation of PRDX3 protein. Elevation of the mitochondrial HADHB, UQCRCB and CYCS proteins in oocytes	[181]
Oxidative stress (H ₂ O ₂)	mouse	NE	Decrease in mitochondria-derived ATP and disassembly of spindles in <i>in vitro</i> cultured MII oocytes	[182]
In vitro techniques				
Oocyte <i>in vitro</i> maturation	human	H3DAC1	Compromised deacetylation in oocytes. Residual acetylation linked to aneuploidy	[183]
Oocyte <i>in vitro</i> maturation	bovine	SIRT2	Faulty mitochondria	[184]
Cytoplasmic transfer	human	Not tested yet	10–15% cytoplasm transfer into aged oocytes produced healthy offspring	[185]
Suboptimal culture media	rabbit	NE	Alteration of DNA methylation reprogramming in paternal pronuclei of zygotes	[186]
In vitro fertilization & ICSI	human	H19	ART caused demethylation resulted in the changes of genomic imprinting	[187]
Embryo <i>in vitro</i> culture	human	NE	mRNAs detected in spent culture medium downregulate embryonic mRNAs	[188]
Cryopreservation	human	LINE1	Differently methylated placental DNA between fresh and frozen embryotransfers	[189]
Suboptimal culture media	mouse	NE	Higher methylation disturbances in embryos from superovulated females and IVF	[190]
Intracytoplasmic sperm injection	mouse	H19, Srypr, Psg3, Igf2	Imprinting defects in somatic tissues	[191]

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Controlled ovarian stimulation	human	NE	Ovarian stimulation	[168]
Superovulation	mouse	Dmst1, Dmst3A, Dmst3B	Affected expression of methyltransferases mRNA in mouse GV, MII oocytes, in one-cell and two-cell embryo	[169]
Superovulation	mouse	Ephb, Pab1	Altered expression of translational regulators mRNA in mouse GV and MII oocytes and in zygotes	[170]
Superovulation	mouse	Srypr, Psg3, Kng1tot1, H19	Disrupted methylation of imprinted genes in blastocysts	[171]
Superovulation	mouse	Gfd2, Foxi3, Cd46, Sgk2	In oocytes, altered methylation of genes involved in glucose metabolism, nervous system development, cell cycle, cell proliferation, and mRNA processing	[172]
Superovulation	mouse	H29	Altered H29 methylation in mouse blastocysts after <i>in vivo</i> fertilization	[173]
Superovulation	mouse	Foxi, Dgat1, Dgat2	Decreased fatty acid content in mice 2-cell embryos by reducing the Foxi and increasing the Dgat1 and Dgat2 expression	[174]
Repeated superovulation	mouse	Gata3, Dgat, Ngf2, Nsf4	Altered expression of mitochondrial genes in mouse cumulus cells	[175]
Repeated superovulation	mouse	NE	Abnormalities in mitochondrial structure and distribution in mouse oocytes	[176]
Superovulation	mouse	NE	Decrease of mitochondrial activity and ATP production in mouse oocytes	[177]
Superovulation	bovine	TXN2, PDXK	Decline of mRNA copy number in bovine oocytes, decreased expression of antioxidant genes in bovine cumulus cells	[178]

Les facteurs épigénétiques et les mécanismes de régulation de la transcription et de la traduction qui en découlent influencent la maturation méiotique, la fécondation, le développement et la qualité embryonnaire.

Epigénétique et développement embryonnaire précoce (Yang et al., 2022)



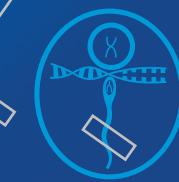
Arrêt de développement embryonnaire = phénomène de sénescence avec arrêt du cycle cellulaire marqué par :

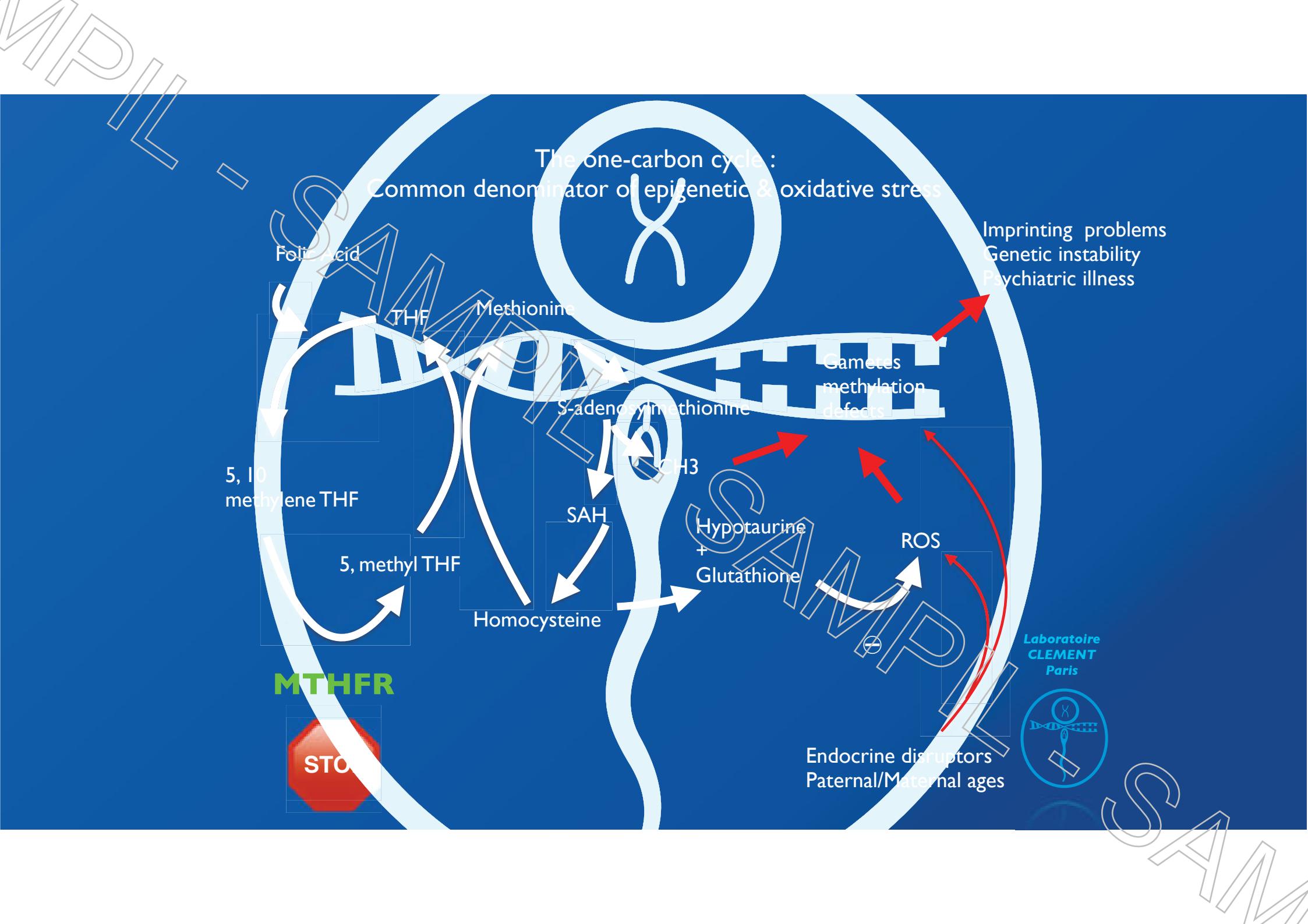
- la down regulation des ribosomes, des histones et des facteurs de traduction
- la up regulation de MYC et p53

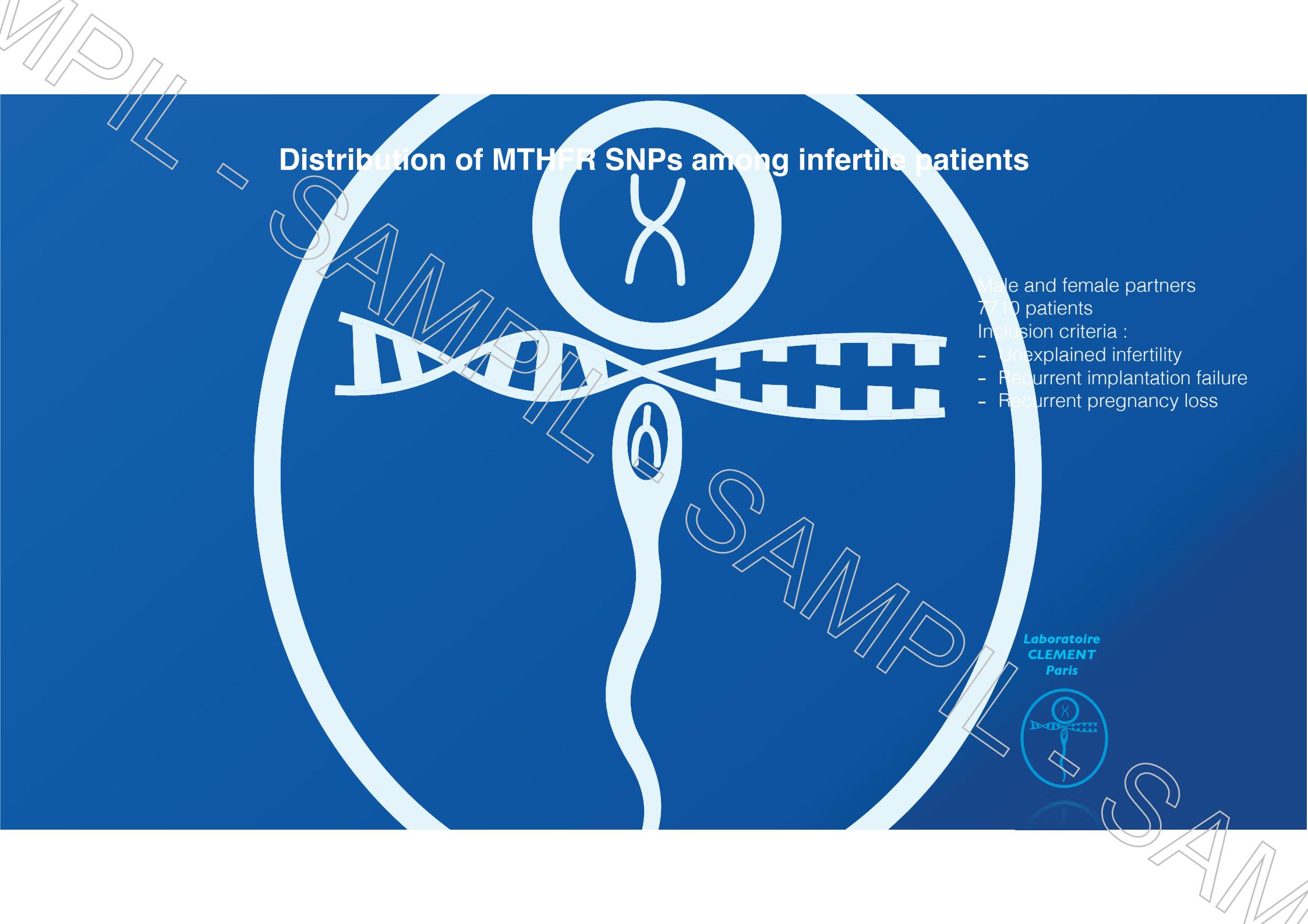
Les embryos qui ne se développent pas peuvent être divisés en 3 types :

- Type I qui ne passent pas l'activation génome embryonnaire ==> défauts épigénétiques altèrent cette phase
- Type II / III qui ont de faibles niveaux de glycolyse avec un niveau élevé (type II) ou faible (type III) de phosphorylation oxydation

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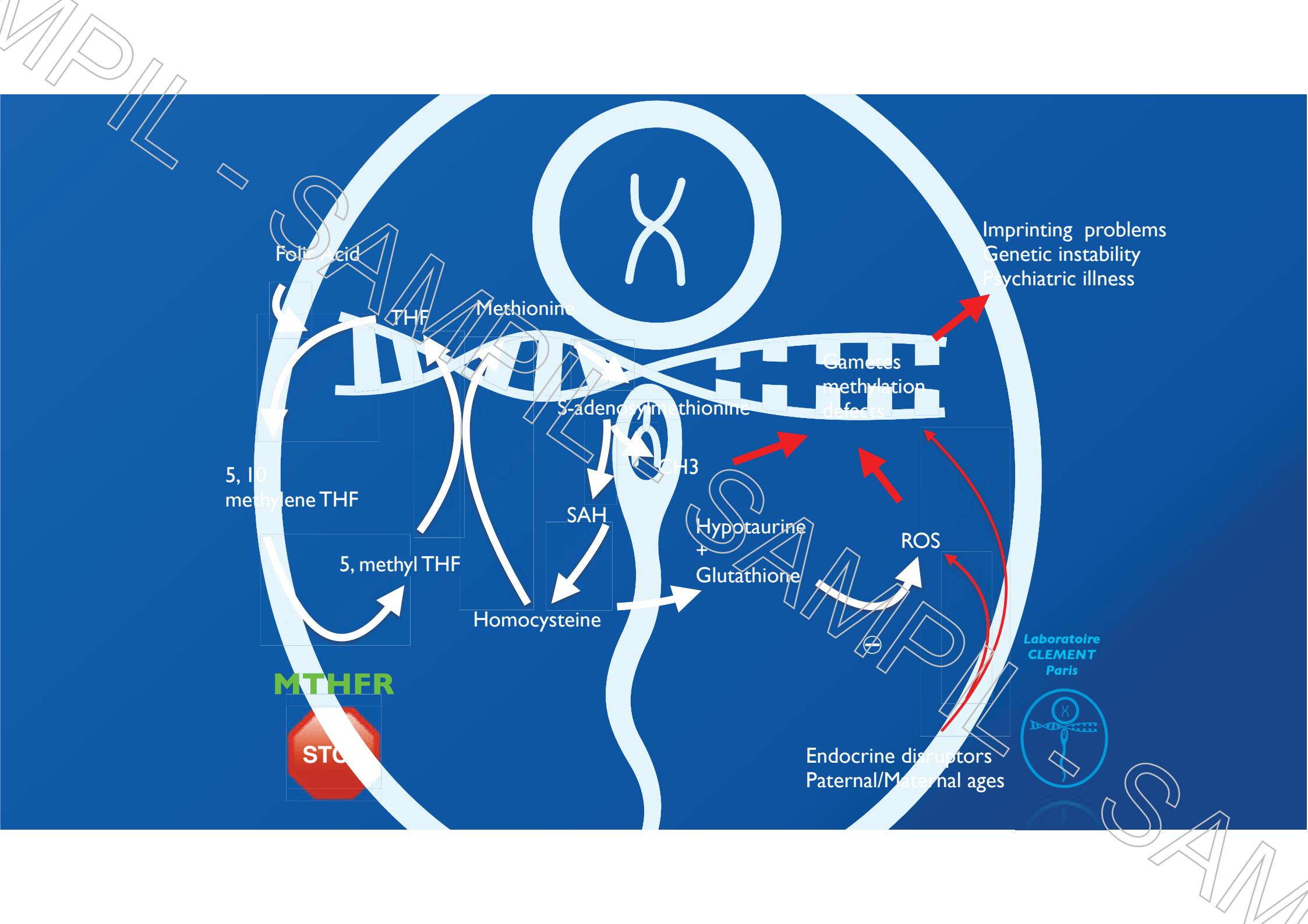


RPL : Homocysteine +++

Authors	Experimental group	Control group	Results	Conclusions
RPL				
Nelen et al. [69]	125 RPL patients	104 normal women	Increased fasting Hct ($\geq 18.3 \text{ mmol/L}$) and afterload Hct ($\geq 61.5 \text{ mmol/L}$) were both associated with RPL.	Increased Hct was a risk factor for RPL.
Raziel et al. [35]	36 nonpregnant RPL patients	40 parous women	HHct was found in 31% of the RPL patients.	Patients with RPL were more likely to have HHct.
Zammiti et al. [34]	350 RPL patients	200 normal women	The Hct levels were similar between the two groups.	There was no association between the risk of RPL and Hct levels.
Crespi et al. [36]	60 RPL patients	30 fertile females	There was no significant difference in the Hct levels between the two groups.	RPL was not associated with HHct.
Chakraborty et al. [68]	126 RPL patients with PCOS	117 normal women without PCOS	There was a significant difference in Hct expression between the experimental group and the control group (70.63% vs. 57.26%; $P < 0.05$).	HHct could increase the possibility of RPL.
Zarfehian Fard et al. [70]	50 RPL patients	50 women having at least two normal pregnancies	The expression of Hct was higher in the experimental group ($P = 0.002$) compared to the control group. Increased Hct tended to be more common in women with the T allele.	The 677CT genotype may be a risk marker for abortion, and the C allele protected women from RPL.
Lin et al. [71]	403 RPL patients	362 normal females	The expression of Hct was higher in the experimental group relative to that in the control group.	MTHFR 677CT and MTRR 66AG gene mutations increased Hct expressions.
PE				
Raijmakers et al. [72]	20 PE patients	10 healthy nonpregnant females and 10 normotensive pregnant females	PE patients had higher Hct levels than normotensive pregnant women (13.3 vs. 8.4 mmol/L ; $P < 0.05$).	Mild HHct may not be a risk marker for PE. HHct in PE was related to the changes of plasma volume instead of MTHFR gene mutation.
Mao et al. [46]	62 PE patients	30 normal pregnant women	Both the mild and severe PE patients exhibited higher Hct levels compared to controls.	The Hct-ADMA-NO pathway was involved in the cause of PE and associated with the severity of PE.
Kulkarni et al. [73]	49 PE patients	57 normotensive pregnant women	Despite there being no difference in folic acid and vitamin B ₁₂ levels between the two groups, the Hct levels were higher in the experimental group.	The reduction of DNA in PE was related to HHct.
Leskowska et al. [41]	62 early-onset PE and 53 late-onset PE patients	65 normotensive pregnant women	There were increased expressions of Hct in the serum of patients with PE, especially in the early-onset PE population.	The expression level of Hct was related to the severity of PE and could indicate early symptoms of PE.
Şanlıkan et al. [74]	30 severe PE and 24 mild PE patients	60 normal pregnant women	Hct levels in the control group were lower compared to those in the experimental group. A significant difference did not exist in Hct expression between the mild and severe PE patients.	Hct was significantly increased in PE patients, but it was not related to the severity of this disease.
Wadhwanji et al. [75]	62 PE patients	126 normotensive pregnant women	PE patients had higher Hct levels compared with controls in the second trimester, third trimester, and during delivery.	Increased Hct expressions occurred in PE patients from the first trimester to delivery.
Maru et al. [76]	64 mild PE, 50 severe PE, and 68 healthy pregnant women		Hct greater than 8 mmol/L was associated with severe PE, and maternal	Hct was usable as one of the predictors for PE.

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Homocysteine value & MTHFR profile

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Homocysteine levels seems correlated with reported MTHFR activities
(van der Put, 1998)

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Clement et al., 2021 (JARG)

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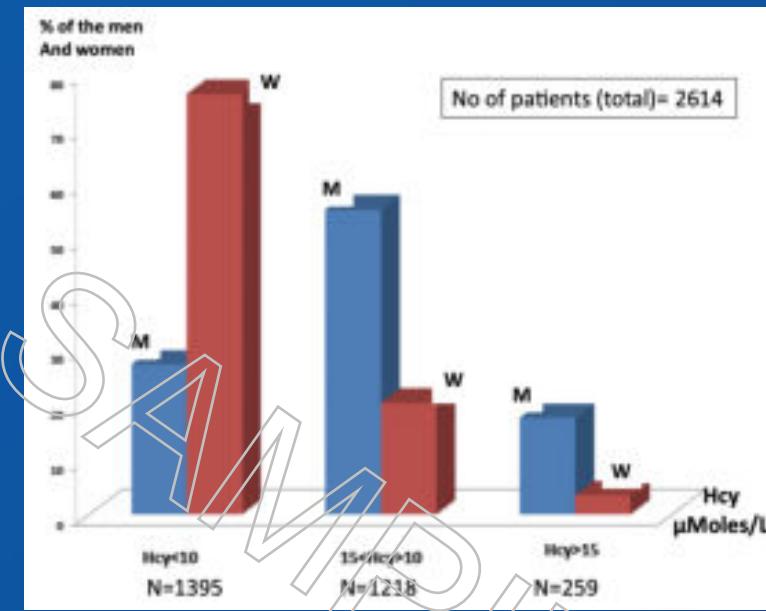
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Impact plus important des polymorphismes
chez l'homme que chez la femme
(p<0,05, Chi-square)

Homocysteine value & MTHFR profile

872 infertile patients (455 MTHFR + homocysteine)

Homocysteine ($\mu\text{mol/L}$)	<10	10-15	>15	>20
1298 HT	21,5	20,7	10	0
1298 HM	11,8	3,69	2,5	0
677 HT	24,8	24,4	17,5	0
677 HM	9,3	11,6	42,5	100
HT composite	17,5	23,8	22,5	0
wt	15,0	13,4	5	0
HT/HM - HM/HT	0	2,4	0	0
Total	100	100	100	100

With increasing homocysteine levels :

- decreasing proportion of wt
- increasing proportion of composite HT, 677 HM (100% of the patients with homocysteine > 20 $\mu\text{mol/L}$ were 677 HMZ)

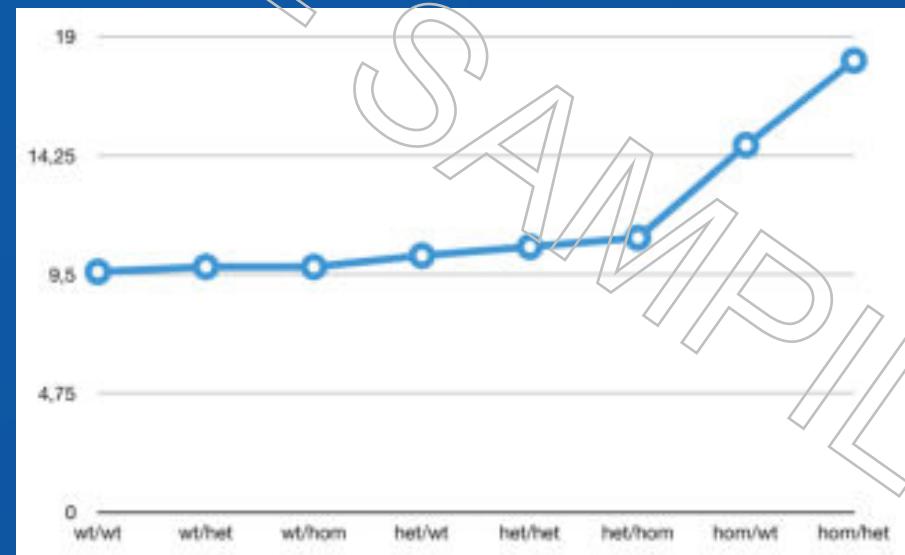
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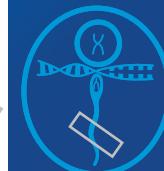
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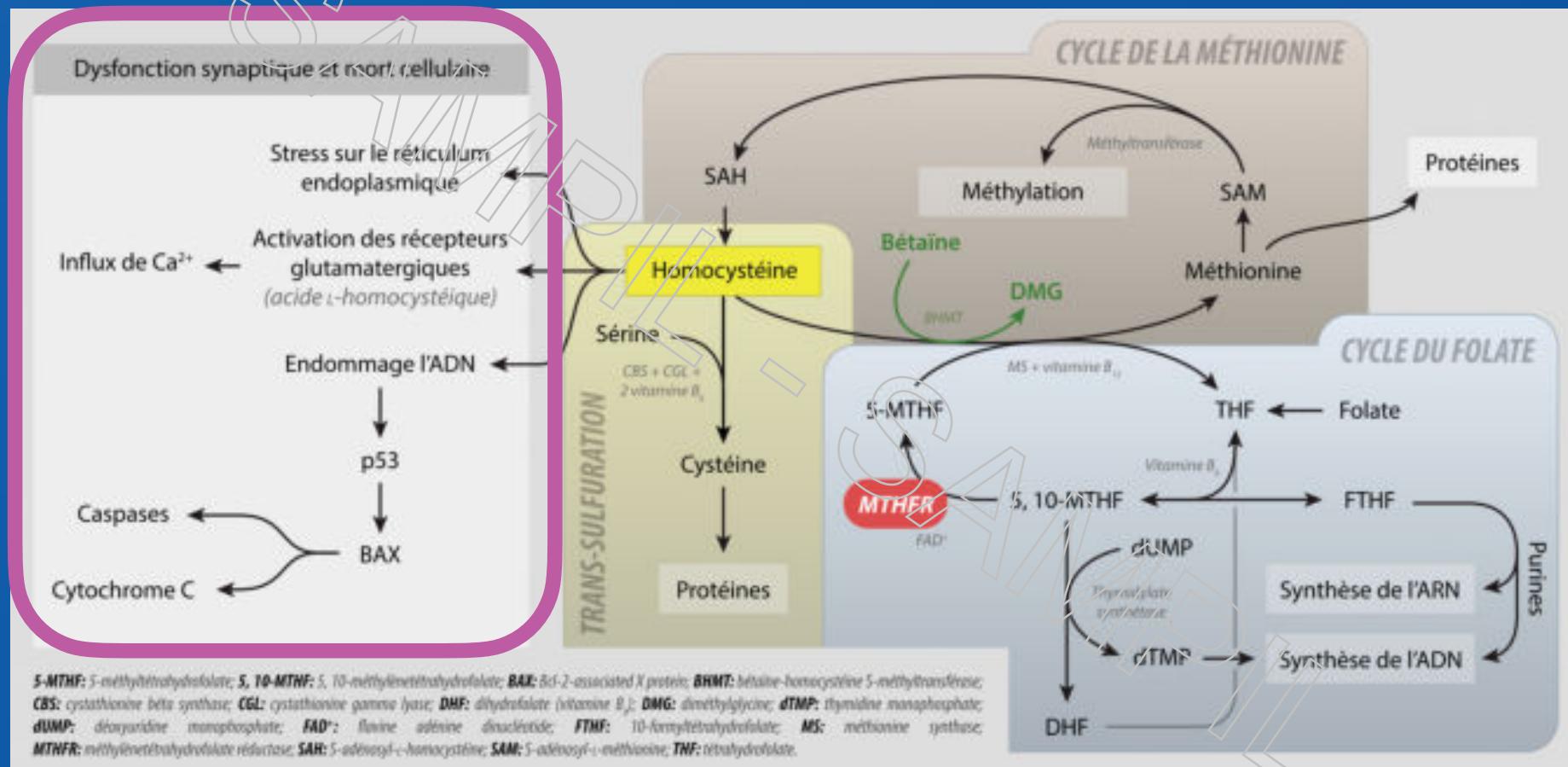
2103 patients
Février 2018-Juin 2019

Mutation	Nombre	Homocysteine moyenne	ET
Wt/wt	275	9,6	3,0
Het/wt	506	10,25	0,9
Hom/wt	256	14,66	11,49
wt/het	423	9,80	3,02
het/het	439	10,60	3,72
wt/hom	183	9,80	3,07
hom/het	2	18,04	2,42
het/hom	4	10,96	2,02
hom/hom	0		
Total	2088		



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Cut-off pour définir l'hyperhomocystéinémie?

Pas de valeur basale "normale" pour l'homocystéine

Cut-off retenu pour définir l'hyperhomocystéinémie n'est pas consensuel.

Différentes valeurs sont retenues dans la littérature :

- AVC : 15.45 µmol/L pour Evers (1997)
- Accidents coronariens :
 - 14.0µmol/L - Hoogeveen (1998)
 - 14.5µmol/L - Moustapha (1998)
 - 15.67µmol/L - Blacher (1997)
 - 18.2µmol/L - Mendis (2002)

Augmentation de 1µmol/L est associée avec une augmentation de 5% du risque d'accident coronarien (Klerk, 2002).

Quel que soit la valeur d'homocystéine de départ, après ajustement pour le tabac, la pression artérielle et le taux de cholestérol, chez les patients mutés pour MTHFR, une diminution de la valeur d'homocystéine de 25% entraîne une diminution de 19% du risque ischémique (Clarke, 2002).

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Hyperhomocystinemie - implication transversale

Cardiovasculaire (Klerk meta-analysis, 2002) :

AIC

Maladies CV précoces x3 si MTHFR 677 homozygote

Prénatal : Défaut de fermeture du tube neural

Obstétricales :

- FCS à répétition (Wen, 2008)
- SOPK (Ziong)
- Anomalie de fermeture du tube neural (Yu, 2019)
- Croissance embryonnaire (Rubini, 2022)

Oncologique (Hasan, 2019) Sm : sein, adénocarcinome pulmonaire, carcinome hépatocellulaire

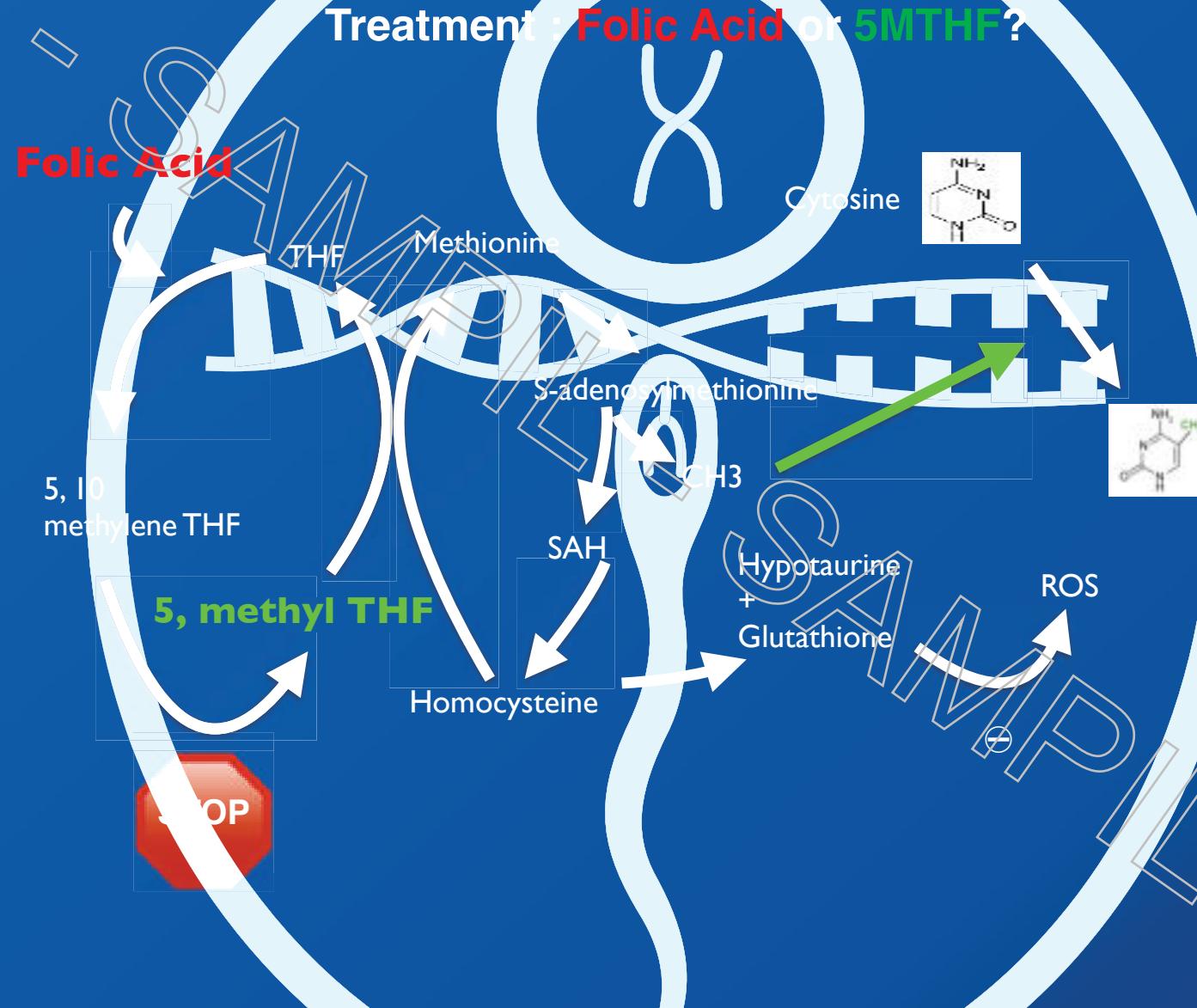
- Tumeur gastrique (Xu, 2016)

Autres:

- Fente labiopalatine : incidence x 3 quand 677 homozygote
- Neurotoxique (agoniste pour les récepteurs au glutamate) : démence (Smith, 2016)
- Désordres psychiatriques : troubles bipolaires, dépression (Zhao, 2022)
- Ophtalmologiques : rétinoblastome (Bisht, 2018)
- Néphrologiques
- Osseuses : ostéoporose (Refsum, 2006)
- Gastrointestinaux : maladie de Crohn, RCH, infarctus mésentériques

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UMFA : Unmetabolized Folic Acid Syndrom

High concentrations of folate and unmetabolized folic acid in a cohort of pregnant Canadian women and umbilical cord blood

Folic Acid Food Fortification—Its History, Effect, Concerns, and Future Directions

Raising Concerns About Unmetabolized Folic Acid

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The Methylene Tetrahydrofolate Reductase (MTHFR) isoform challenge. High doses of folic acid are not a suitable option compared to 5-Methyltetrahydrofolate treatment

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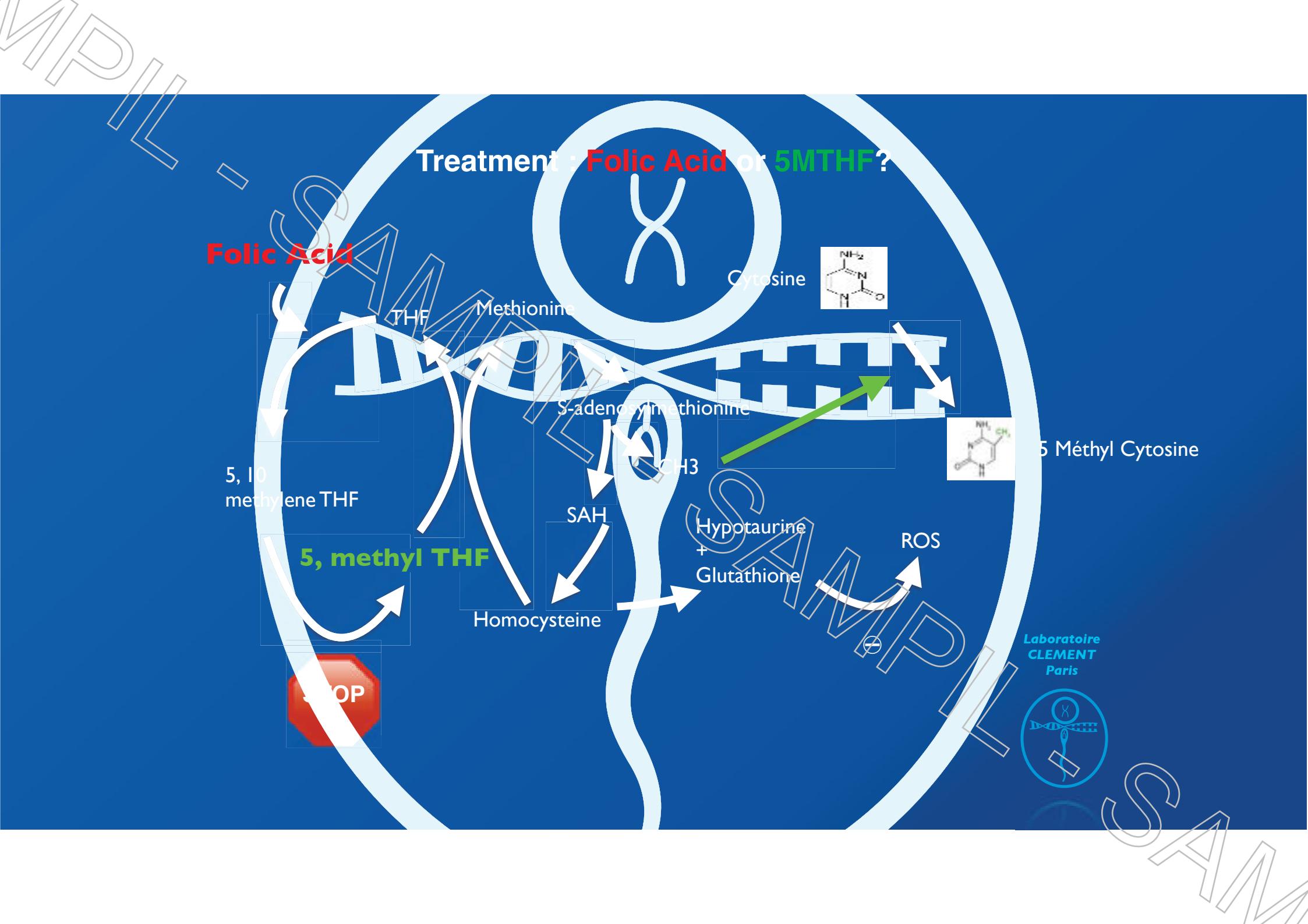
The hazards of excessive folic acid intake in MTHFR gene mutation carriers: An obstetric and gynecological perspective

High-dose folic acid supplementation alters the human sperm methylome and is influenced by the MTHFR C677T polymorphism

High doses of folic acid induce a pseudo MTHFR syndrome in a Wild type patient: a case report

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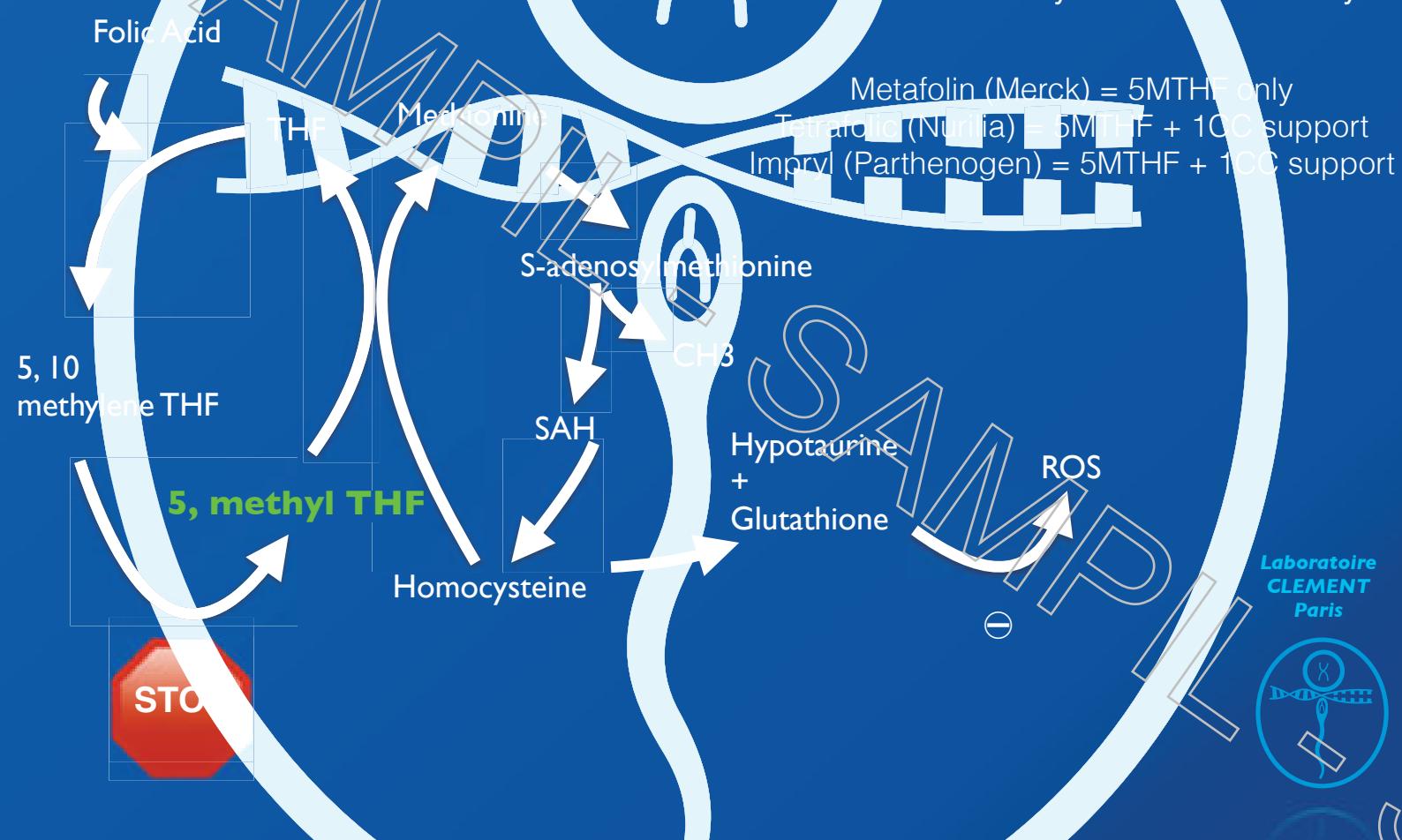




MPPI

Treatment available for MTHFR carriers : 5MTHF

Bypass the problems linked to MTHFR impaired activity.
Allows a correct efficacy of the one carbon cycle.



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Couples screened for MTHFR status and homocysteine levels (n=125)

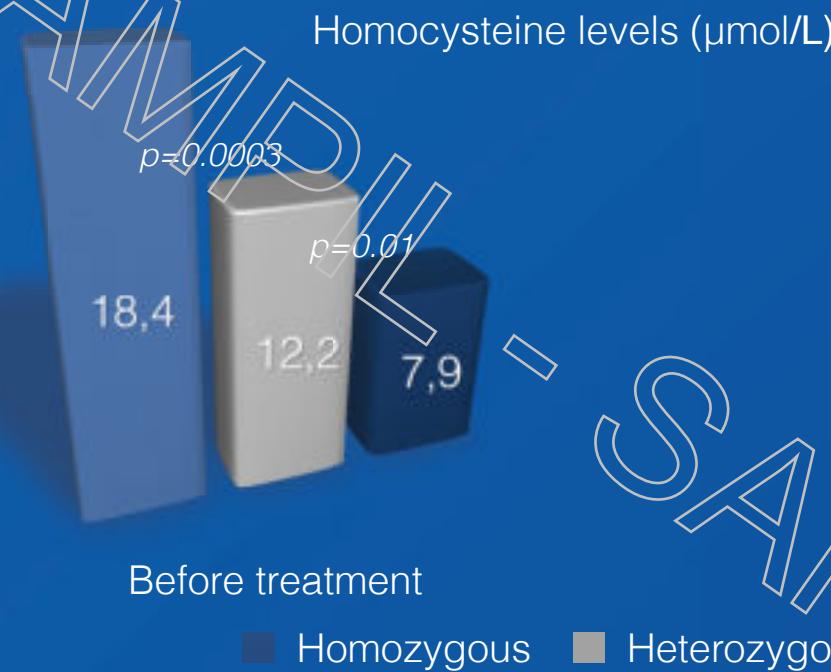
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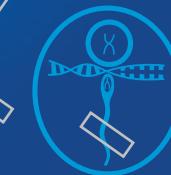
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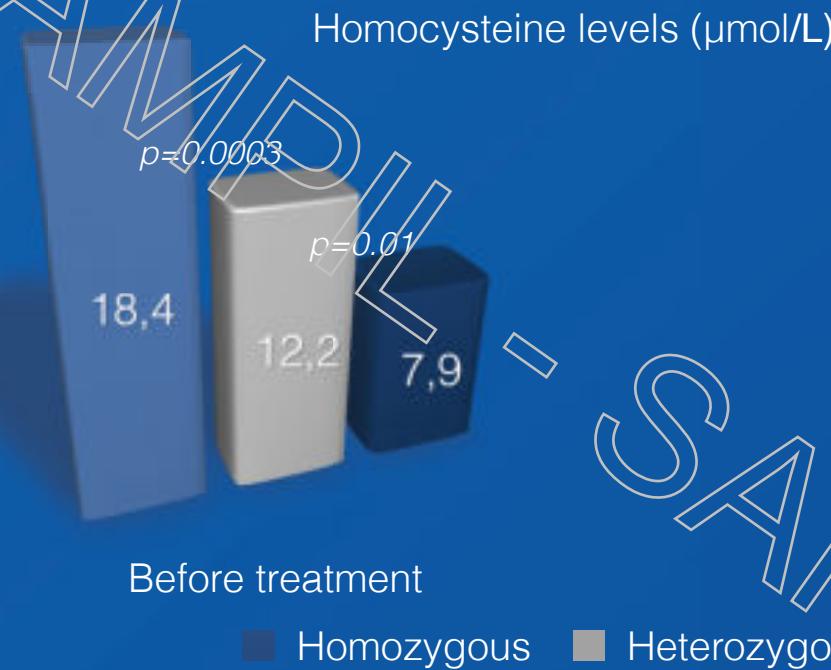
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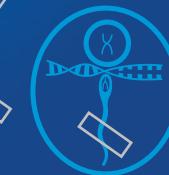
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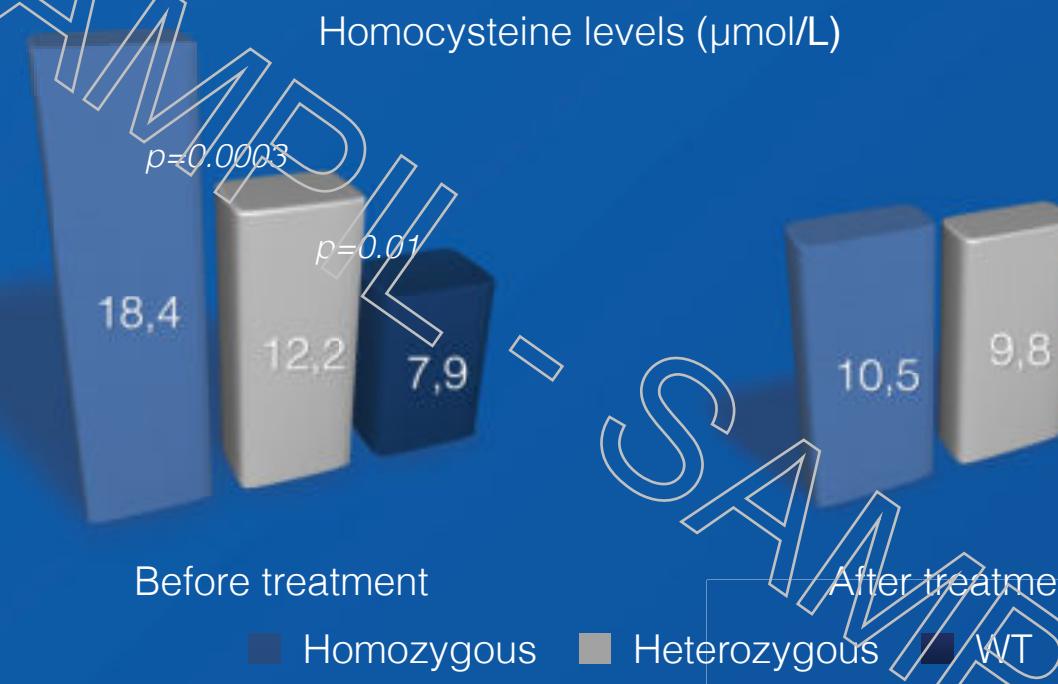
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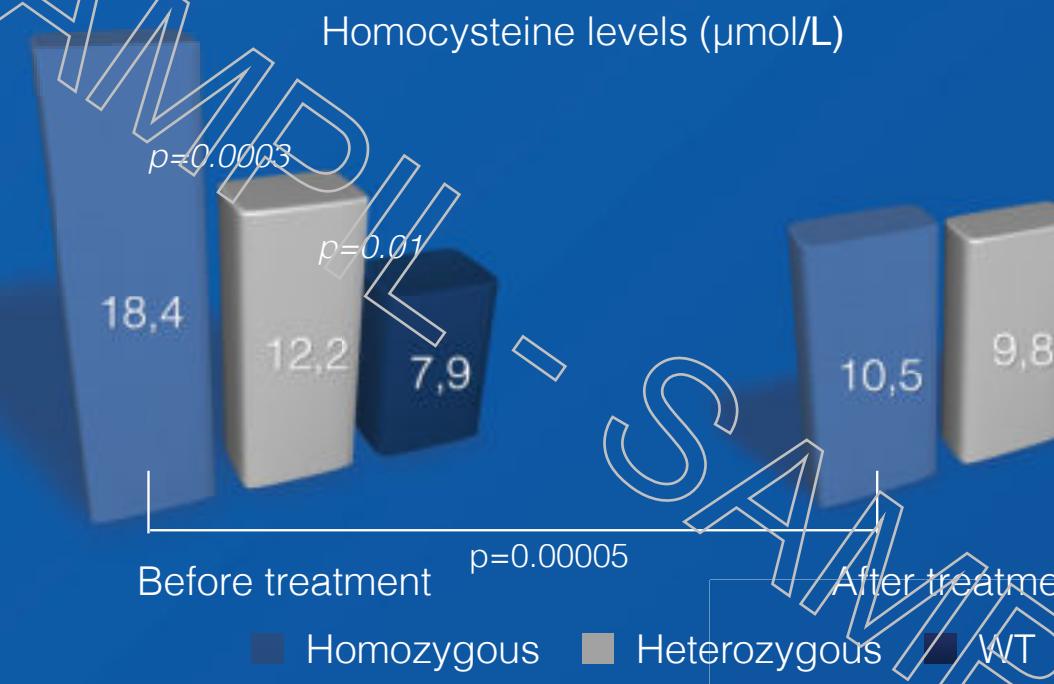
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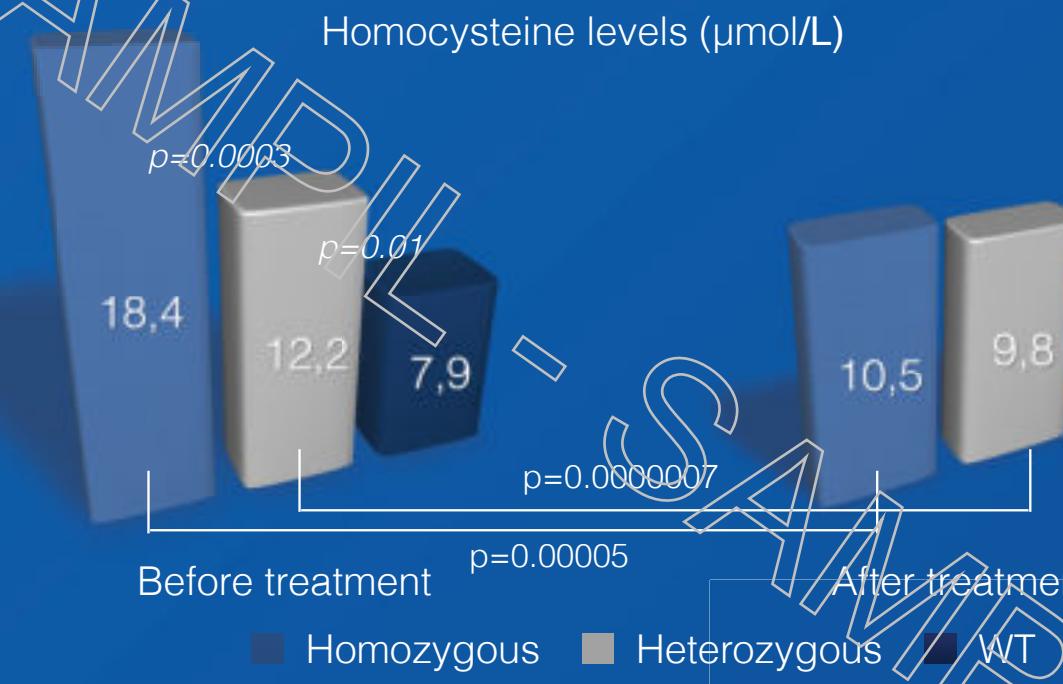
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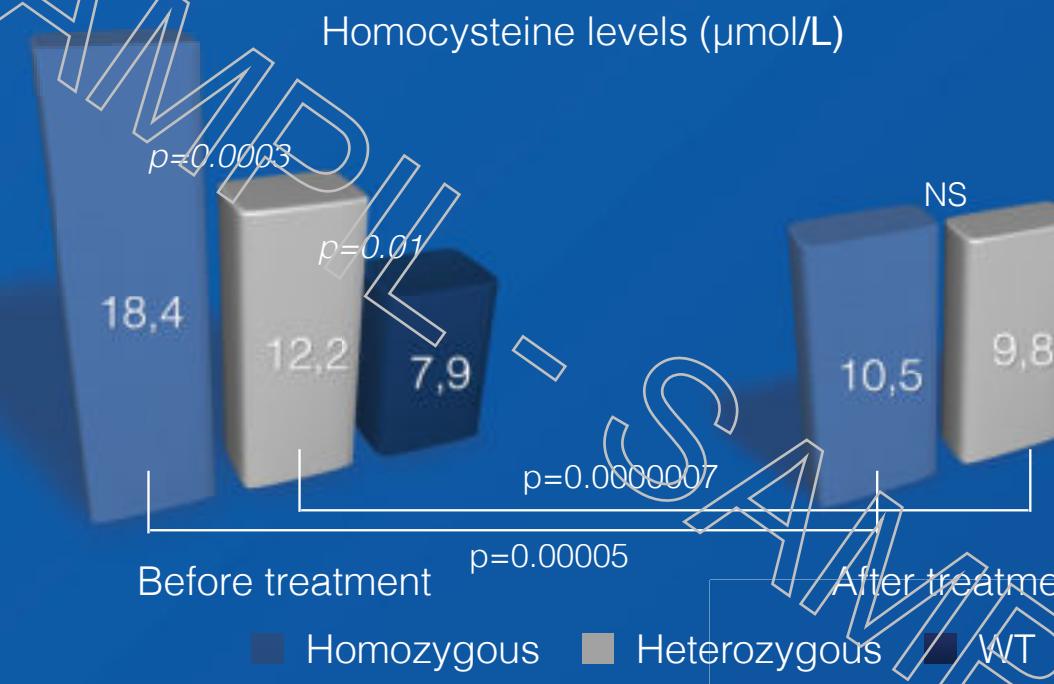
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Take-home messages

Impact des mutations MTHFR

Corrélation MTHFR & homocystéinémie

Atteintes transversales de l'hyperhomocystéinémie

Chez couples infertiles :
Rechercher les mutations MTHFR (677 et 1298)

Traitement diminue les hyperhomocystéinémies

Traitement améliore les paramètres gamétiques et embryonnaires

Chez les porteurs de mutations avec hyperhomocystéinémies
Intérêt de traiter par 5MTHF

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Implication polymorphismes gène MTHFR dans les fausses couches à répétition

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